

PRAYER CALENDAR

1901

BOARDS OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U. S. A.,
NEW YORK



Total number of immigrants entering the port of New York during the year ending June 30, 1900, 341,711

This was the largest number since 1893, and nearly equal to the great influx of 1892. The figures for the different years are of unusual interest, for they became smaller as soon as the effects of the business panic of '93 were felt abroad and have increased as business affairs have improved in this country. If the increase of immigrants at the twenty-one other ports of the United States has been proportionate to the increase at New York, the total number of immigrants during the year indicated above should have been about 530,000. Of the total number, about 75,000 over fourteen years of age could neither read nor write, and the majority had much less than \$30. In a few years a large proportion of these illiterate foreigners in all probability will be American citizens, casting their votes in our national elections.

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THE cry of the nineteenth century has been **wider**—wider contact, relations, sympathies. The cry of the twentieth century must be **deeper**—deeper into the secret of Jesus, deeper into the source of power and peace, deeper into a communion with the unseen and the eternal.

JANUARY

TUE

1

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name: for thou hast done wonderful things. Isa. xxv: 1.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

—Isa. xxv: 9.

WED

2

Motives for the Home Mission work of the New Century:

Patriotism—for our Country's sake.

Christianity—for our King's sake.

Methods of helping it:

Study—Pray—Give.

THU

3

Detroit Presbytery,

Synod of Michigan: No. of churches, 59; churches aided, 6; ministers employed, 4.

“Special Needs:—1. Home Mission Committee—Wisdom from above; divine guidance. 2. Home Mission churches—The grace of independence; the ambition to give, rather than receive. 3. Home Mission pastors—The Spirit's anointing for service.”

FRI

4

Flint Presbytery,

Synod of Michigan: No. of churches, 57; churches aided, 33; ministers employed, 15.

Outside Port Huron, the highest salary of any of Flint's missionaries (and they are illustrative of the salaries in other Presbyteries), is \$700, while the average is a little over \$600, out of which most of them pay house rent and keep a horse and carriage.

SAT

5

Grand Rapids Presbytery,

Synod of Michigan: No. of churches, 16; churches aided, 6; ministers employed, 6.

“Pray that the people may find goodly ministers, and that the churches may be more liberal financially. That all our churches may receive a baptism from on high, and that we may all be found faithful in all our churches.”

SUN

6

The Lord Jehovah is my strength and song; he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.
Isa. xii: 2, 3.

MON

7

Kalamazoo Presbytery,

Synod of Michigan: No. of churches, 19; churches aided, 4; ministers employed, 4.

"The needs are: Membership consecration in heart, life, energy and money; information and opportunity through pastors, session and church papers."

TUE

8

Lake Superior Presbytery,

Synod of Michigan: No. of churches, 29; churches aided, 15; ministers employed, 9.

"More self-effacing men, and more money and a deeper spirituality in our Presbytery. Lumbering, iron-ore mining, shipping and railroading are our material interests. This means a large portion of the populace widely scattered who do not regularly hear the gospel; and an uncommonly high percentage of evil."

WED

9

Lansing Presbytery,

Synod of Michigan: No. of churches, 20; churches aided, 6; ministers employed, 4.

"The main industry of this section is agriculture, and as a result the churches in the small towns are suffering from the depression now experienced in such fields. The most difficult problem being the maintenance of regular preaching services, which problem might be best solved by intelligent grouping."

THU

10

Monroe Presbytery,

Synod of Michigan: No. of churches, 18; churches aided, 5; ministers employed, 3.

"No special needs" is the surprising message from this Presbytery for our Calendar! Let us give thanks for the good work and pray for its continuance.

FRI

11

Petoskey Presbytery,

Synod of Michigan: No. of churches, 19; churches aided, 10; ministers employed, 6.

This Presbytery is moving in an encouraging direction, asking \$1,600 this year as against \$2,475 four years ago. May the good work go on and spiritual blessings be in proportion to temporal.

SAT

12

Saginaw Presbytery,

Synod of Michigan: No. of churches, 37; churches aided, 23; ministers employed, 16.

"Thank God for our sixteen missionaries and their wives who, without complaint and with great self-sacrifice, maintain these outposts of our great Christian army."

SUN**13**

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.—Gal. vi: 14.

MON**14****Chippewa Presbytery,**

Synod of Wisconsin: No. of churches, 22; churches aided, 18; ministers employed, 9.

"We have all sorts of people in our membership, and to manage them in accordance with our Presbyterian laws and regulations is no easy task. Pray that the Lord may send us wise men to take hold of our very peculiar and necessitous work."

TUE**15****La Crosse Presbytery,**

Synod of Wisconsin: No. of churches, 18; churches aided, 14; ministers employed, 8.

"With the exception of two, our mission churches are in small villages or the country. Hence the missionaries' work is often discouraging and they require strong faith. The sympathy and prayers of fellow-Christians are needed that these laborers may not grow weary in their remote and difficult fields."

WED**16****Madison Presbytery,**

Synod of Wisconsin: No. of churches, 44; churches aided, 25; ministers employed, 13.

From one of our missionaries in Madison Presbytery we quote the following: "I find that great faith, hope, patience, hardness and courage in endurance and a multitude of the gifts of God's grace are needed in my extensive field."

THU**17****Milwaukee Presbytery,**

Synod of Wisconsin: No. of churches, 35; churches aided, 13; ministers employed, 9.

"This Presbytery needs a pastor-at-large to foster the Sunday-schools that are hopeful into missions and then into churches. We are crippled by German indifferentism."

FRI**18****Winnebago Presbytery,**

Synod of Wisconsin: No. of churches, 49; churches aided, 32; ministers employed, 15.

"This Presbytery is more than one-quarter of the State. Many of its fields are much isolated and far apart, which makes it difficult to care for them and often very lonely for the missionaries. We need the prayers of God's people for the laborers, and for more laborers."

SAT**19****Duluth Presbytery,**

Synod of Minnesota: No. of churches, 37; churches aided, 25; ministers employed, 16.

In this Presbytery of thirty-five churches, twenty-five churches and stations ask for home mission help. A large foreign population is one of the difficult factors of the work here; a careful home mission committee is one of the causes for earnest thanksgiving.

SUN
20

And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them; and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.—Jer. xxxiii: 9.

MON
21

Mankato Presbytery.

Synod of Minnesota: No. of churches, 68; churches aided, 40; ministers employed, 21.

“Pray that our home mission congregations may feel it a duty and privilege to rise early to self-support; that our home missionaries may receive sufficient salary to afford at least the common comforts of life; for such co-operation of denominations as shall secure wisest economy of men and means.”

TUE
22

Minneapolis Presbytery.

Synod of Minnesota: No. of churches, 32; churches aided, 12; ministers employed, 9.

“Six of our missions are in the city in needy localities with a poor, sometimes transient, people. The others are in rural districts with many nationalities and varieties of population.”

WED
23

Red River Presbytery.

Synod of Minnesota: No. of churches, 30; churches aided, 15; ministers employed, 10.

Many foreigners and the incoming of many people compelled a slight advance in the Board's appropriation this year,—an advance wholly inadequate to the need. Ask wisdom that these funds may be used to secure the best results in this large and growing Presbytery.

THU
24

St. Cloud Presbytery.

Synod of Minnesota: No. of churches, 27; churches aided, 21; ministers employed, 8.

“We need the Holy Spirit's power. We have Catholicism in its worst phases. We have errors of doctrines of all shades stoutly promulgated on all sides. These things, with the failure of professed Christians to properly support the work and their inconsistencies, make the lot of the missionary hard.”

FRI
25

St. Paul Presbytery.

Synod of Minnesota: No. of missionaries, 39; churches aided, 13; ministers employed, 11.

“Foreigners, mostly Scandinavians and Germans, in the city, are all from State churches and know nothing of voluntary giving. Paganized farming communities and indifferent villages with the materialism of the city life, constitute the ground of our appeal for the prayers of the Church.”

SAT
26

Winona Presbytery.

Synod of Minnesota: No. of churches, 49; churches aided, 25; ministers employed, 12.

Many of these churches are in rural districts settled largely by foreigners—sometimes Lutherans, more often infidels. Because of their environment the churches can grow but little; not to sustain them is to take from the few Protestant English-speaking families their only means of grace.

SUN

27

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.

—Rev. vii : 12.

MON

28

Choctaw Presbytery,

Synod of Indian Territory: No. of churches, 27; churches aided, 26; ministers employed, 11.

"Pray for the Spirit of the Lord to rest upon our home missionaries for service. That all the churches may grow in knowledge, membership and in giving for the support and spread of the gospel."

TUE

29

Cimarron Presbytery,

Synod of Indian Territory: No. of churches, 21; churches aided, 19; ministers employed, 13.

"The churches in our Presbytery are growing stronger in every way. One of our special needs is the more earnest co-operation of the members with the pastor in all departments of church work. May we have your earnest prayers toward that end."

WED

30

Oklahoma Presbytery,

Synod of Indian Territory: No. of churches, 26; churches aided, 23; ministers employed, 12.

"The newness of the country—much of it settled less than seven years ago—and the worldliness of the people in their struggle for money and homes, call for better Sabbath observance, more spirituality and a sharper mark of division between church members and the world."

THU

31

Sequoyah Presbytery,

Synod of Indian Territory: No. of churches, 33; churches aided, 12; ministers employed, 11.

This Presbytery ministers to the Creeks, Cherokees and Seminoles. Several churches are served by Indian preachers. Others in the Creek and Seminole Nations should have closer supervision.

Changing territorial conditions and the construction of recent railroad lines demand larger help from the Board for the present.

FEBRUARY

FRI

1

Dakota Presbytery,

No. of churches, 25; churches aided, 18; ministers employed, 16.

Preaching here is all in the Indian language. The great need is a Christian education.

Pray for Good Will School and that the government schools may be more Christian.

Pray that the Indian may have more power to resist strong drink.

SAT

2

Buffalo Presbytery,

No. of churches, 5; churches aided, 5; ministers employed, 2.

Work here is a bequest from our Foreign Board—a work among the various divisions of the historic Iroquois, among whom are two white missionaries, five organized churches and Sabbath-schools, and about 600 professing Christians. This mission has its peculiar problems, but is also full of encouragement.

"We who have doors standing wide to every quarter of the globe, to invite the offscouring of the earth to full partnership in the Republic, what part, that history will not weep over, are we giving to the people who held the whole country by a title too old to be investigated, and too divine to be disregarded?"—*Rev. C. L. Thompson, D.D.*

SUN**3**

Anadarko, I. T. (Mary Gregory Memorial). Rev. S. V. Fait, superintendent.

He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

—*Job xxiii : 10.*

Miss C. P. Mahan, Miss L. Thomson, teachers.

I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee.—*Jer. xxxi : 3.*

MON**4**

Miss J. E. Templeton, matron; Miss H. Carmine, Miss O. J. Langelier, Miss B. Wilson, assistant matrons; Mr. ———, farmer.

God keep us through the common days! Their burdens feebly, since they must.

The level stretches white with dust,
When thought is tired and hands upraise

In days of slowly fretting care,
Then most we need the strength of prayer.

—*Mrs. Sangster.*

TUE**5**

Dwight, I. T. Rev. F. L. Schaub, missionary; Miss M. True, M.D., matron; Miss F. B. Bingham, teacher.

I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick.—*Ezek. xxxiv : 16.*

WED**6**

Elm Spring, I. T. Miss C. H. Montgomery, principal; Miss M. C. Elliott, teacher; Miss S. S. Mathes, matron.

Let us not be weary in well doing: . . . in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.—*Gal. vi : 9.*

Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.—*Jas. v : 7.*

THU**7**

Muskogee, I. T. (Henry Kendall College.) Rev. A. G. Evans, president; Mr. W. B. Robe, business manager; Mr. J. G. McMurtry, Mr. T. A. Prouse, teachers.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—*Prov. iii : 6.*

Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.—*Isa. xxx : 21.*

FRI**8**

Miss A. L. Crosby, Miss A. M. Robertson, Miss M. J. Kuhn, Miss A. Sanford, Miss E. E. Taylor, Miss B. B. Bonine, teachers.

"The Master came not only to tell us to live rightly, and to show us *how* to live rightly, but to *create in us* the power to live rightly."—*Bishop Huntington.*

SAT**9**

Miss G. C. Keam, Miss L. K. Sanson, music teachers; Mrs. J. G. McMurtry, boys' matron; Miss E. Huey, girls' matron.

So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.—*Ps. lxxviii : 72.*

Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson, missionary.

"Christ is the Son of God, the Interpreter of life, the Giver of character; if you are His, His strength is entering into you; no moment of your life is insignificant."—*Bishop Brooks.*

"No missions to the heathen have been more blessed than those among the Indians. Thousands who were once wild, painted savages in deeds of war, are now the disciples of the Prince of Peace. Where once was only heard the noise of the medicine drum and the scalp-dance, there is now the bell calling Christians to prayer; and songs of praise and words of prayer go up to heaven. The Christian home, though only a log-cabin, has taken the place of the wigwam: the poor degraded Indian woman has been changed to a Christian wife and mother."—*H. B. Whipple, Bishop of Minnesota.*

SUN**10**

O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.—Ps. xc: 14.

Muskogee Academy, I. T. Mr. W. T. Conway, principal; Miss K. White, Miss E. D. Waddle, teachers.

I will send unto you from the Father the Spirit of truth; he shall bear witness of me: and bear ye also witness.—John xv: 26, 27.

MON**11**

Nuyaka, I. T. (Okmulgee P. O.) Mr. J. M. Robe, superintendent; Mr. M. L. Girtton, principal teacher; Miss L. A. Robe, Miss M. B. Robe, teachers.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the Word of the Lord shall stand forever.

—Is. xl: 8.

Mrs. J. M. Robe, matron; Miss M. F. Robe, Miss A. Hansen, assistant matrons.

Ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.—Zech. viii: 13.

TUE**12**

Park Hill, I. T. Mr. J. W. Williams, teacher.

Precept upon precept; line upon line; here a little, and there a little.—Isa: xxv: 10.

Tahlequah, I. T. (Tahlequah Institute.) Mr. C. A. Peterson, principal; Miss S. M. Williams, Miss L. M. Shafer, Miss C. Courtney, Miss M. M. Russell, teachers; Miss L. C. Miller, music teacher; Miss M. E. Trotter, matron.

Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

—Job iv: 3.

WED**13**

Sacaton, Ariz. Mr. E. Jackson, Mr. T. Lewis, Mr. H. Williams, native evangelists.

I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee.—Deut. xviii: 18.

THU**14**

Tucson, Ariz. (Training School.) Mr. F. S. Herndon, superintendent; Miss E. J. Oliver, Miss M. M. Shaver, Miss J. Anderson, teachers.

It is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.—Ps. lxxiii: 28.

FRI**15**

Mrs. F. S. Herndon, matron; Mrs. J. G. Barton, boys' matron; Miss F. Dilley, girls' matron; Miss L. North, Miss S. Ostermeier, assistant matrons; Miss M. H. Oliver, sewing teacher.

"Touch other lives; reach out the hand
To lift the fallen, help them stand;
Put selfish joy and ease aside,
To save the souls for whom Christ died."

SAT**16**

Mr. J. G. Barton, industrial teacher; Mr. W. L. Palmer, farmer; Mrs. J. Juan (native), missionary; Miss L. Roberts, laundress.

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.—Col. i: 10.

"The Bible and spelling-book are great factors in the uplifting of any people. . . . Send to every tribe the Christian missionary, with the home, the Sabbath-school and the church—and time will do the rest. It will not take long to graft on to the hardy Indian stock the scion of Christian Anglo-Saxon civilization which it has cost us so many centuries to develop."—*Hon. T. J. Morgan.*

SUN

So we, thy people and sheep of thy pasture, will give thee thanks forever.—Ps. lxxix: 13.

17

Fall River Mills, Cal. Mrs. I. Cadwallader, missionary.
Hoopa, Cal. Miss M. E. Chase, missionary.

Behold thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my Lord the King shall appoint.—II Sam. xv: 15.

MON

Cortez, Col. Miss F. Shields, missionary.

18

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.—Ps. lxxxv: 11.

TUE

Lapwai, Idaho. Miss Kate McBeth, Miss M. Crawford, missionaries.

19

The path may lead over rough places, but it is ablaze with God's promises. The difficulties may seem appalling, but our Almighty Lord is with us. The toil may be long, but this is God's way. His spiritual victories have never yet been achieved by sudden shocks and violences.

WED

Ross Fork, Idaho. Miss A. J. Frost, missionary.

20

He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.—Isa. xlix: 10.

THU

Wolf Point, Mont. Mrs. C. D. King, principal; Miss A. L. Miller, teacher.

21

"Each hath his mission. If it be
My lot to toil, but not to see
The fruits which to my toil belong,

I know One whose all-seeing eye
My humblest task shall glorify,
And He shall make me strong."

—*Walter Taylor Field.*

FRI

Laguna, N. M. Miss E. P. Houston, Miss R. Mathes, teachers.

22

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.—Prov. xxxi: 26.

Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.—Prov. xii: 25.

SAT

Special prayer that the Church of Christ throughout America may be aroused to her responsibility towards the scattered Indian tribes.

23

"We who reach across the Pacific in restless adventure, to see what we can do with savages and semi-savages, have been stolid and stupid and conscienceless to the chance God flung into our bosoms. Nor is the Church guiltless. We have been building fine ecclesiastical institutions from ocean to ocean. We punctuate our creeds by ten thousand stately spires, while the children of the wilderness, the owners of America, wander unregarded and unshepherded. We are not seeking them so much as they are seeking us."—*Rev. C. L. Thompson, D.D.*

The aborigines of this country have no intelligent ancestry. The work among them is simply race building from the ground up with the crude native material. The work may be slow, but the results already attained and the promises of God make the ultimate outcome sure. These people by God's blessing are to become intelligent and industrious citizens.

SUN**24**

O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.—Isa. xxxiii: 2.

Good Will Training School, S. D. Rev. D. E. Evans, superintendent, and Mr. W. C. Ferver, principal teacher.

Every one that cometh unto me, and heareth my words, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like; he is like a man building a house, who digged and went deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock; and when a flood arose, the stream brake against that house, and could not shake it; because it had been well builded.

—Rev. Vers., Luke xlvii: 48.

MON**25**

Miss K. Loudon, Miss J. Moore, teachers.

Fear ye not, neither be afraid; ye are my witnesses.—Isa. xlv: 8.

Miss M. E. Chambers, Miss A. Pond, girls' matrons.

Strong in faith, giving glory to God, being fully persuaded that what he has promised, he is able also to perform.—Rom. iv: 20, 21.

TUE**26**

Miss R. Timblin, Miss L. Cunningham, boys' matrons; Miss C. Pond, assistant matron.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.—Matt. v: 16.

WED**27**

Miss N. S. Dennis, laundress; Mr. W. J. Smith, farmer; Mr. H. Parker, assistant farmer; Mr. F. Heinrick, industrial teacher.

Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching.

THU**28**

Neah Bay, Wash. Miss Helen W. Clark, missionary.

"Jesus, still lead on,
Till our rest be won;
And, although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by thy hand
To our fatherland!"—Zinzendorf.

MARCH.

FRI**1**

Arizona Presbytery,

Synod of New Mexico: No. of churches, 18; churches aided, 11; ministers employed, 13.

Prayer should be offered:

1. For irrigation for the lands of the starving Pima and Papago Indians whose water resources have been taken from them by the white man's greed.
2. For a native Indian ministry to be trained in gospel service.
3. For sadly urgent needs of the mining camps.

SAT**2**

Corning Presbytery,

Synod of Iowa: No. of churches, 34; churches aided, 16; ministers employed, 8.

Progress toward self-support is noted here, and our home mission committee proclaim themselves watchful and ready to "seize the moment they are able to go alone." Pray for both committee and churches that they may work together most wisely to this end.

SUN**3**

O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand and is all thine own.

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel.—I Chron. 29: 10, 16.

MON**4**

The Treasurers.

A very large proportion of the contributions of the fiscal year are received by the treasurers in March, making an immense amount of extra work this month. Pray that they and their helpers in the office may have special strength in these days and nights of trying toil.

TUE**5**

The Treasury—Capital Needed!

The General Assembly recommended the churches to raise \$800,000 for Home Missions during the year closing March 31, 1900. Careful review of general conditions and imperative needs show this sum is none too large. Every dollar is needed if our Church at all does the work to which opportunity calls.

WED**6**

Each Church a Shareholder!

"What progress would be shown if every one of our churches had done something for our country's salvation this fiscal year! We must signalize the opening of the twentieth century by an advance movement for the cause of Christ in our land. To this end: purpose—plan—pray."

THU**7**

Systematic Giving.

"Upon the first day of the week"—*periodically*—
 "let every one of you lay by him in store"—*personally*—
 "as God hath prospered him"—*proportionately*.

These principles, laid down nineteen centuries ago, have lost none of their value. Are they yours?

FRI**8**

Thank Offerings.

"I gave, I gave my life for thee,
 What hast thou given for me?"

"He gives twice who gives quickly." Any offerings that are to reach our treasurers before the balancing of the books at the close of the fiscal year should be hastened on their way.

SAT**9**

Cedar Rapids Presbytery.

Synod of Iowa: No. of churches, 37; churches aided, 9; ministers employed, 6.

"Pray for our rural churches, often discouraged and weakened by frequent changes in their pastorate and frequent removals of their stronger members. Also remember our Bohemian population, which numbers several thousands within our borders, among whom infidelity and materialism have wrought such havoc."

1901

MARCH

SUN

10

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people: that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MON

11

Council Bluffs Presbytery.

Synod of Iowa: No. of churches, 26; churches aided, 6; ministers employed, 5.

"Economizing to the point of disaster" is the cry from more than one Presbytery. One of these is Council Bluffs, where the salaries are such that it is difficult to man the fields. Pray that a spirit of liberality may be poured out upon our Church.

TUE

12

Des Moines Presbytery.

Synod of Iowa: No. of churches, 55; churches aided, 30; ministers employed, 18.

Pray for "(a) Well qualified missionaries—men of force, enthusiasm and consecration. (b) A spiritual awakening in each field. (c) A realization on the part of the churches that they have not yet made the greatest effort possible for self-support."

WED

13

Dubuque Presbytery.

Synod of Iowa: No. of churches, 42; churches aided, 19; ministers employed, 14.

"Whole townships are occupied by German-speaking people. Irish and Bohemians are likewise numerous. We need a more earnest evangelism to bring these people to Christ and to prevent the influences of worldliness and superstition from sweeping through our churches."

THU

14

Fort Dodge Presbytery.

Synod of Iowa: No. of churches, 55; churches aided, 30; ministers employed, 14.

"Our territory comprises 12 counties in that portion of Northwest Iowa last to be settled and developed. Our need is for funds to support efficient men to build up these churches. Pray for efficient missionaries."

FRI

15

Iowa Presbytery.

Synod of Iowa: No. of churches, 42; churches aided, 7; ministers employed, 5.

"We need a larger measure of the presence of the Holy Spirit in all our churches, where spiritual growth, manifested in gifts and conversions, is not as we would desire it. We need men consecrated to the work who will go into small fields."

SAT

16

Iowa City Presbytery.

Synod of Iowa: No. of churches, 41; churches aided, 18; ministers employed, 12.

"A large immigration of free-thinkers from Schleswig-Holstein encroaches on English-speaking farmers, brings the Continental Sunday and drinking habits, makes the churches weak and timid. A wise and winsome Christianity is needed to disarm prejudices and train the foreign population to a better kind of liberty."

SUN
17

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church, and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MON
18

Sioux City Presbytery.

Synod of Iowa: No. of churches, 48; churches aided, 18; ministers employed, 16.

"Church organization in needy fields. Our Presbytery covers 14 counties in Northwest Iowa, and some counties have not a Presbyterian church or Sunday-school within their 36 miles square.

"A more liberal spirit, that some of our churches may do more to help themselves."

TUE
19

Waterloo Presbytery.

Synod of Iowa: No. of churches, 36; churches aided, 8; ministers employed, 5.

"There are two groups of churches, one of three and one of two. The remainder are so isolated that it is necessary that one missionary be given them. One of these is a German church out in the country and several are in small places along the railroad."

WED
20

Kansas City Presbytery.

Synod of Missouri: No. of churches, 42; churches aided, 19; ministers employed, 11.

Prayer is asked for the outpouring of the Spirit. "In that day . . . verily, verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."

THU
21

Ozark Presbytery.

Synod of Missouri: No. of churches, 36; churches aided, 21; ministers employed, 8.

Pray for: "A Presbyterian missionary to visit the thirty-two counties in our bounds where there is no Presbyterian church.

"A way of letting the Church know of the needs of these counties where there is little or nothing being done by any church.

"More self-sacrificing missionaries."

FRI
22

Palmyra Presbytery.

Synod of Missouri: No. of churches, 39; churches aided, 17; ministers employed, 8.

"Palmyra Presbytery covers twenty counties of Missouri, in seven of which there is not a single Presbyterian church under our Assembly. There are only four self-sustaining churches in the whole Presbytery able to support a pastor. Pray for the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ in Palmyra Presbytery."

SAT
23

Platte Presbytery.

Synod of Missouri: No. of churches, 52; churches aided, 25; ministers employed, 14.

"The thing to be done is to keep constantly before all of our church people the importance of the home mission cause. Our missionaries and all other ministers and all of our people should be taught to ceaselessly pray and to give for the cause of home missions."

SUN**24**

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation: on thee do I wait all the day.—Ps. xxv: 5.

MON**25****St. Louis Presbytery,**

Synod of Missouri: No. of churches, 54; churches aided, 25; ministers employed, 17.

"Prayer is requested first for the committee that they may be divinely guided in their care for these mission churches; for the missionaries, that they may be thoroughly consecrated, men of God, full of the Holy Spirit; for the churches, that they may speedily become self-supporting."

TUE**26****Olympia Presbytery,**

Synod of Washington: No. of churches, 37; churches aided, 30; ministers employed, 19.

The home mission committee have given earnest effort to help their churches toward self-support, and to so group fields that the most good shall be accomplished by home mission money. In many of the fields the people are very poor. "We wonder how they live," writes the chairman.

WED**27****Puget Sound Presbytery,**

Synod of Washington: No. of churches, 34; churches aided, 29; ministers employed, 22.

Pray: "For a quickening of missionary zeal; a deepening of the spiritual life of the people; a more thoroughly rooted and grounded faith in those who come to us from the East, that they may not so easily fall away from that faith when they migrate to this 'land of promise.'"

THU**28****Spokane Presbytery,**

Synod of Washington: No. of churches, 31; churches aided, 27; ministers employed, 15.

"Special needs: An awakening from indifference as to religious things; more consecration on the part of our church members and a recognition by them of their individual personal responsibility in the work of extending and sustaining Christ's kingdom; a baptism of the Holy Spirit."

FRI**29****Walla Walla Presbytery,**

Synod of Washington: No. of churches, 20; churches aided, 19; ministers employed, 17.

Pray: "For three other able, consecrated missionaries; the presence of the Holy Spirit in power. Our brethren are as a rule quite separated; God's sustaining grace is needed that they may be strong and that the people may be faithful to their vows before the Lord."

SAT**30****East Oregon Presbytery,**

Synod of Oregon: No. of churches, 23; churches aided, 23; ministers employed, 13.

"This Presbytery covers two-thirds of Oregon and grows rapidly in population. There is a flourishing mission among the Umatilla Indians and eight interesting new preaching points with Sabbath-schools. Our jewel is the Presbyterial Academy at Pendleton, that grows rapidly and does grand work for the Master."

SUN

31

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our feverish ways!
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
 In purer lives Thy service find,
 In deeper reverence, praise.

APRIL

MON

1

Behold the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.—Deut. 1: 21.

Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able.—Numbers xiii: 30.

Help us, O Lord our God: for we trust on thee and in thy name we go against this multitude.—II Chron. xiv: 11.

TUE

2

Portland Presbytery,

Synod of Oregon: No. of churches, 29; churches aided, 24; ministers employed, 16.

"Here is a mountain population fast drifting into the condition of the Southern mountaineers. The 'North End' of Portland with its cosmopolitan population raises a social question of the gravest character. The farming communities are tainted with repulsive infidelity and are frequently hostile to the gospel."

WED

3

Southern Oregon Presbytery,

Synod of Oregon: No. of churches, 17; churches aided, 14; ministers employed, 8.

"Our territory is immense, covering seven large counties. In one we have no church or minister. In three others we have one minister and one church each. We have occupied nearly all the germinal points, but cannot do what needs to be done in the out-field districts."

THU

4

Willamette Presbytery,

Synod of Oregon: No. of churches, 29; churches aided, 22; ministers employed, 13.

The recent years have been disheartening; the partial failure of the wheat, hops and fruit have made money scarce, mortgages plenty and people discouraged. In not a few instances our missionaries have suffered severely, owing to the inability of their congregations to pay the amounts expected.

FRI

5

Benicia Presbytery,

Synod of California: No. of churches, 35; churches aided, 12; ministers employed, 11.

"Our fields are not growing, chiefly through changes of population. In lumber districts the moving of logging camps further back into the woods weakens our congregation. In many regions our American residents are moving to the larger cities, their places being taken by Swiss and Italians."

SAT

6

Los Angeles Presbytery,

Synod of California: No. of churches, 63; churches aided, 34; ministers employed, 25.

"Thirty years ago there were but two churches and less than thirty members in the bounds of this Presbytery. Every church but one at some time in its history received home mission aid. We have Chinese and Mexican schools and churches."

SUN**7**

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard; who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.—Ps. lxxvi : 8, 9.

MON**8****Oakland Presbytery,**

Synod of California: No. of churches, 26; churches aided, 9; ministers employed, 7.

Pray for "consecration on the part of such as minister to mission churches, and then the consecration in the people that will make them willing and glad to stand with the minister and work faithfully and patiently."

TUE**9****Sacramento Presbytery,**

Synod of California: No. of churches, 30; churches aided, 12; ministers employed, 7.

Pray for "more efficient evangelistic work in our isolated fields; more intelligent and reliable membership officers; more solid, intelligent, judicious, practical men to preach the Word and do work that will abide; and, of course, more means for their support."

WED**10****San Francisco Presbytery,**

Synod of California: No. of churches, 16; churches aided, 4; ministers employed, 5.

Dangers: "The rapidly growing 'Richmond District,' with no Presbyterian church; the large Hebrew population, among whom our work is promising well; the numerous Italian community on 'North Beach' and the neglected French Protestants; our large down-town churches, being forced westward and leaving thousands unchurched."

THU**11****San Jose Presbytery,**

Synod of California: No. of churches, 26; churches aided, 9; ministers employed, 7.

Most of these mission churches are in farming districts and depend on produce for their support. The last eight years' drought has seriously affected this region as well as the rest of Southern California, and the missionaries bear a load of financial anxiety as well as the burden of souls.

FRI**12****Santa Barbara Presbytery,**

Synod of California: No. of churches, 17; churches aided, 11; ministers employed, 6.

"These little missionary churches are centres of beneficent influence with promise of growth. The land here for three years past has languished somewhat through want of rain. By parallel occasion in spiritual things prayer is emphasized for

"Showers of blessing,
That there be seasons refreshing
Showers of blessing we need."

SAT**13****Stockton Presbytery,**

Synod of California: No. of churches, 22; churches aided, 11; ministers employed, 9.

Special needs: (1) Colonization. This would be an infusion of new blood, life and example. It is slow process working with the descendants of the "'49-er." (2) More evangelistic work in the outlying regions; preaching stations established and Sabbath-schools organized.

Negro population of the U. S. (census of 1890), 7,470,040. At present, 8,000,000. Eight states have each more than half a million negroes, viz.: Va., N. C., S. C., Ga., Ala., Miss., La., Texas—the total in these eight states being 5,300,000. Seven other states (W. Va., Md., Ark., Fla., Mo., Tenn., Ky.) have 1,800,000, making a total of 7,000,000 negroes in these fifteen Southern states. They are increasing steadily and rapidly. More than 2,500,000 colored women and children can neither read nor write. A million colored children have never seen the inside of a schoolhouse.

All this notwithstanding the great work done by our own and other churches, and by the public schools. These people speak our language; accept our institutions; obey our laws; are native born; love the land of their birth.

SUN

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

I have heard thy prayer; I have seen thy tears.—Isa. xxxviii: 5.

Fear not, for I have redeemed thee.—Isa. xliii: 1.

14

Concord, N. C. (Scotia Seminary.) Mrs. D. J. Satterfield.

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.—I Thess. v: 18.

MON

Miss M. E. Fister, Miss M. E. Chapman.

15

"Lord, increase our faith." Widen its horizon until it shall include the world. Strengthen it, until it shall stagger at nothing. Intensify it, till God shall be everywhere seen and felt.

TUE

Miss M. C. Bell, Mrs. A. O. Percival.

16

"Say not, it matters not to me.

My brother's weal is his behoof.

For in this wondrous human web

If his life's warp, your life is woof.

"Woven together are the threads,

And you and he are in one loom;

For good or ill, for glad or sad,

Your lives must share a common doom."

WED

Anniston, Ala. (Barber Memorial Seminary.) Miss E. E. Gillam, Mrs. S. M. Davis, Mrs. Sarah A. Green.

17

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty. He will joy over thee with singing.

THU

Burkeville, Va. (Ingleside Seminary.) Mrs. G. C. Campbell, Miss M. L. Robinson.

18

His kingdom ruleth over all (Psalm ciii: 19), therefore thou can'st find nothing which is not matter for praise, since there is nothing which is not the matter of thy Lord's gracious permission, or planning, or control. Over all—nowhere can'st thou step outside his realm, nor in anything get beyond his care and government.

FRI

Miss A. M. Ralston, Miss Lena B. Allen.

19

"Prayer can teach us to depend on God, and unanswered prayer to trust in Him,"—Faber.

SAT

McConnellsville, S. C. Mrs. A. A. Jones.

20

Marysville, S. C. (Goodwill Mission.) Miss Lizzie Ross.

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed towards his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.—Heb. vi: 10.

"The hope of the negro," says General Thomas J. Morgan, "is neither in the bullet nor ballot, but rather in the Bible and spelling book. The truest solvent of all their wrongs must be found in the religion of Jesus Christ. When it can be said that they are not only religious emotionally, but practically, that they are not only law abiding, but are men of integrity of conduct and purity of life, they will compel public respect."

SUN**21**

Dear patient Father, lift us up to meet Thy thought divine,
Then shall our life-horizons sweep and broaden into Thine;
Then shall our hearts grow great to hold the love our Saviour bears;
And all Thine own—nay, earth shall feel Thy answers to our prayers.

Crockett, Tex. (Mary Allen Seminary.) Rev. J. B. and Mrs. Smith.
Through God we shall do valiantly.—Ps. cviii : 13.

MON**22**

Miss E. R. Ferguson, Miss C. E. Logan.

"Let us draw near in full assurance of faith, without wavering; for he is faithful that promised." "However darkly days go on," the upturned faces of Christ's believing people are still aglow with the light immortal,—the light of His countenance.
Lord, increase our faith.

TUE**23**

Miss D. J. Barber, Miss A. C. Gailey.

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.—Jude xx : 21.

WED**24**

Miss M. J. Harper, Miss S. H. Mann, Miss Agnes Jones.

"A living, loving Christian, true of tongue, honest of heart, pure of conduct, and yet lovable in daily life—is the most unanswerable argument for Christianity."—T. L. Cuyler.

THU**25**

Chester, S. C. (Brainard Institute.) Mrs. J. S. Marquis, Miss Mary H. Moore.

You must live each day at your very best.
The work of the world is done by few;
God asks that a part be done by you.

FRI**26**

Miss J. A. Schauble, Miss A. M. Donaldson.

"Thrice blest is he to whom is given
The instinct that can tell
That God is in the field when He
Is most invisible."—Faber.

SAT**27**

Augusta, Ga. (Haines Normal and Industrial School.) Miss Lucy C. Laney, Miss M. C. Jackson, Miss Alice White.

All who have prayed "Thy kingdom come" from the day this petition was framed by the Lord Jesus Christ to the present hour, in the earnestness of faith and devotion, have a rightful share in the glory that this imperial call reflects upon the civilization of our day.

"It is a conservative statement that six millions of negroes are now living in one-room cabins. It is equally true that nearly the whole population so living—certainly over five millions—can neither read nor write. American civilization contains no other facts so full of discouragement. Moral debasement, thriftlessness, general unreliability, thrive naturally under such conditions."

SUN

28

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am.—John xvii: 24.

West Point, Miss. (Mary Holmes Seminary.) Mrs. H. N. Payne, Miss S. H. Johnson.

Do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?—Micah i: 17.

MON

29

Miss N. M. Dobbins, Mrs. R. H. Bloom, Mrs. M. B. Johnston.

"We are not visionaries . . . Nor do those waste their lives who waste themselves in striving to extend the kingdom of God on earth. This is what life is for."—Prof. H. Drummond.

TUE

30

Miss Carrie E. Crowe, Miss Rena Miller, Miss E. L. Bedford.

Have ye fear that in giving ye lose?
Or dreamed ye that patience may wane?
Have ye looked for the beauty to fade,
Or the heart's blood be offered in vain?

But draw from the full-springing well
That is fed from high sources above,
And garner your harvest, that summer may
tell
Of the multiplied riches of love.

MAY

FREEDMEN

WED

1

Miss M. E. Kingsley, Miss J. L. Webb.

"Let your light shine," said our Saviour to His disciples. "Among whom ye shine as lights in the world," wrote St. Paul to the Philippian Christians. We cannot all, perhaps, be active Christians. We cannot all be *talking* Christians. We cannot all be *giving* Christians. Not many can be even lighthouses standing on the headlands of the shores of life and guiding the great currents of humanity as they pass by. Most of us can only be candles, little candles; but we *can* shine.

THU

2

Beaufort, S. C. (Harbison Institute.) Miss Emily C. Gourdin.

Madison Ga. (Madison Academy.) Miss L. A. Orr.

"Only Thine own to be,
Only to live to Thee;
Thine with each day begun,
Thine with each set of sun,
Thine till my work is done."—Anna Warner.

FRI

3

Newman, Ga. (Newman School.) Mrs. B. L. Glenn, Miss Sallie E. Jones.

Greensboro, Ga. Miss Willie C. Massie.

However lonely and obscure and seemingly unimportant our life work may be, let us remember that it is only our novitiate, our apprenticeship, and that to be good and faithful in a few things—even in that which is least—is to make as good a beginning as God asks of any one, and will be as certain of recognition in the day of account as though we were kings or princes.

SAT

4

Sumter, S. C. (Ebenezer School.) Mrs. M. J. Seabrook.

Sumter, S. C. (New Haven School.) Mrs. J. M. McCay, Miss Lola Manoney.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer.—Ps. xix: 14.

The greatest need of the negro in the South to-day is for a system of education that will teach him some trade and make him self-respecting and self-supporting. Therefore, the best school for the colored youth was the school which combined the industrial feature with the acquiring of knowledge out of books. Teach the men to be good brickmasons, wheelwrights, carpenters, blacksmiths, tailors and farmers, and the women how to become skillful cooks, nurses, housemaids, milliners, and capable, efficient housewives.—*Echoes from the Montgomery Conference.*

SUN

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.—Ps. cxliii: 8.

5

Sumter, S. C. (Kendall School.) Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Watkins.
For he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye.—Zech. ii: 8.

MON**6**

Miss E. Van Buren, Mr. F. H. Thomas, Mr. W. F. Wright.

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee.—Is. xlii: 6.

TUE**7**

Abbeville, S. C. (Ferguson Academy.) Mrs. T. H. Amos, Miss E. A. Pindle, Mrs. A. D. Bentley, Miss Hattie Brabham.

"With whom the melodies abide
Of the everlasting chime;
Who carry music in their heart
Through dusky lane and wrangling mart;
Plying their daily tasks with busier feet
Because their secret souls a holy strain repeat."

WED**8**

Rev. P. W. Sewell, Mr. Jos. W. Lee.

Thy word is true from the beginning; . . . let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.—Ps. cxix: 160, 173.

THU**9**

Oxford, N. C. (Mary Potter School.) Mrs. G. C. Shaw, Miss M. E. Tucker, Mr. J. H. Buchanan.

WHY DID OUR LORD COME?—To give life to the dying. John x: 10. To give light to those in darkness. John xii: 46. To call sinners to repentance. Mark ii: 17. To seek and save the lost. Luke xix: 10. And his object in coming is the true end of our living. As the Father sent him into the world, so has he sent us. John xvii: 18.

FRI**10**

Pollocksville, N. C. Mrs. H. A. Murrell.

Statesville, N. C. Miss Gooche.

"As some rare perfume in a vase of clay
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,
So, when Christ dwelleth in a mortal soul,
All heaven's own sweetness seems around it thrown."

—*Harriet Beecher Stowe.*

SAT**11**

Danville, Va. (Danville High School.) Mrs. W. E. Carr, Miss E. S. Mabry.

"In every heart there should be the two sisters of Bethany, quiet thought and active effort—the one looking for the Master's coming, the other actively at work in the house."—*T. P. Osborne.*

"The only hope for the young negroes, is in holding before them the high ideal of Christian manhood and womanhood; and by years of patient, persistent training leading them out of the darkness and degradation of their present home life and social influences until they shall not only see but also desire the blessed conditions and influences of the truly Christian home and pure social relations. This is Christian education and it is working wonders. But, alas, we are reaching only the few—the masses, whither are they tending?"

SUN

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee.

12

Oak Hill Industrial, Ind. Ter. Mrs. J. B. Crowe.

When I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be light unto me.—Micah vii: 8.

MON

Goodland, Ind. Ter. Miss B. Ahrens.

13

The Master speaks, in accents low;
Refuse Him not, nor say Him "No."
How much He bore for thee!—for thee,
The cross, the *shame*, the agony!
Thy love, dear Lord, constraineth me,
I'll not refuse, I'll follow Thee.

TUE

New Hope School. Rev. J. H. Sleeper.

14

If a man in the struggle of life sees God and Christ and duty all around him, that thought will be a helmet for his head. It will keep his brain and mind clear, quiet, prudent to perceive and know what things he ought to do. It will give him that divine wisdom, of which Solomon says in his proverbs, that the beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord.

WED

Stuart, Va. Miss Emma G. Dickson.

15

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

—Ps. xxxvii: 4.

THU

Nottoway School, Va. Miss Luella Thompson.

Ridgeway School, Va. Miss S. J. Harris.

16

"Nay—but in steadfast humbleness
Kneel on to Him, who loves to bless
The prayer that waits for Him! and trembling strive
To keep the lingering flame in thine own breast alive."—John Keble.

FRI

Birmingham School, Ala. Miss Millie Clark.

Louisville, Tenn. (Esler Memorial School.) Mrs. F. F. Wolfe.

17

For, give me the gold of the strong,
Or compassionate dole of the weak,
Give me only the beauty of living,
The patience and ruth of the weak;

Give me sweetness unasked, as the flower,
Or softness unstroked, as the dove,
We but draw from the one, indivisible Power,
For the source of our giving is Love.

SAT

Asheville, N. C. (Parochial School.) Mrs. C. B. Dusenbury.

18

"Half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in having and getting, and in being served by others; it consists in giving and serving others."—Drummond.

Bishop Whipple of Minnesota says that the first gift he received for Indian missions was \$75 from a negro school at Cavalla in Africa with the message, "Give it to carry the gospel to the heathen in America."

SUN

Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore, for thy name's sake, lead me and guide me.
—Ps. xxxi : 3.

19

Cotton Plant, Ark. (Cotton Plant Academy.) Mrs. F. C. Potter.

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.—Ps. xl : 8.

MON

Miss T. N. Hall, Miss J. E. Holmes.

20

"To be passive, to be quiet, to do nothing, say nothing, in some true sense think nothing; simply to be receptive and waiting for the voice. 'Wait thou only upon God,' says the Psalmist; and again, 'Wait on the Lord.'—*Selected*.

TUE

Home Mission Day at the General Assembly.

21

"I believe if we will take our orders from our great Captain to-day, the order will be to advance . . . at the first faint dawn of the new century, to advance in solid column . . . till the twin folds of our country's flag and the banner of the Lord wave in triumph from Point Barrow to Havana, over a nation rescued and a Church triumphant."—*Charles L. Thompson, D.D.*

WED

Monticello, Ark. (Monticello Academy.) Mrs. C. S. Mebane, Mr. T. M. Oglesby.

22

Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness.—Col. 1 : 10, 11.

THU

Miss J. M. Thompson, Miss L. J. McCorkle.

23

"Give us the courage that prevails,
The steady faith that never fails;
Help us to stand in every fight
Firm as a fortress to defend the right."—*Van Dyke*.

FRI

Porto Rico.

PORTO RICO

24

Lord God of Hosts, who dost award
All gifts that make the nations strong,
Who dost not leave the victor's sword
To rest with carnal strength for long,
In this, our Country's triumph-hour,
Be Thine the kingdom and the power !

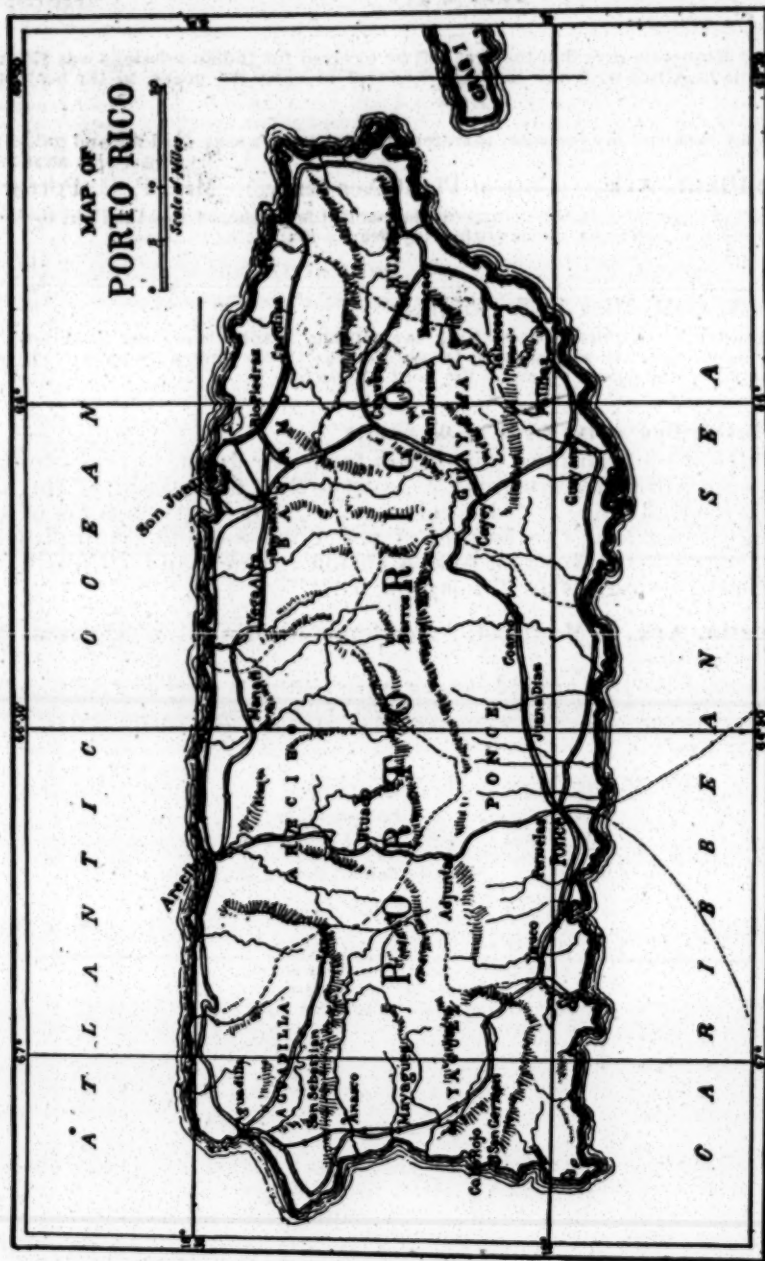
Ah, Lord God ! behold thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm and there is nothing too hard for thee.—Jer. xxxii : 17.

SAT

Havana.

25

Our missionary in Havana, like those in Porto Rico, is maintained by a salary specially contributed for the purpose. The honor in this case belongs to a New Jersey church and its assistant pastor, who serves with no remuneration that his salary may support the Havana worker.



Discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493.
 Invaded by Spaniards under Ponce de Leon in 1509.
 Annexed by its own request to the United States in 1898.
 Its area and population are about half the area and population of New Jersey.
 It lies about 1800 miles southeast of New York,—a five days' journey from that port.
 Its mineral wealth is considerable, but is as yet undeveloped.
 Its natural products are numerous and varied, as in its fertile soil tropical fruits grow luxuriantly.

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MAY

Porto Rico

SUN

26

Rejoicing, O Lord, in the richness of Thy gifts to us, we pray Thee to help us to give unto our fellow-mortals such sympathy and kindly love as may lighten their afflictions, for the merciful Jesus' sake. Amen.

MON

27

Untouched Towns.

Dr. Greene says, "More than sixty."

God called us to this work when He said, "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever." He is calling us now. From the north and the south, from the east and the west of this our beloved country, comes the cry, Help—we perish!

TUE

28

Mayaguez, with its adjacent regions, has been under the care of Rev. Milton E. Caldwell since July, 1899. Besides regular services in the central part of the city, he conducts evangelistic work at the Playa (its seaport) and at the important outlying towns of San German, Maricao and Las Marias. The first Presbyterian church of Mayaguez was organized April 1, 1900.

WED

29

Miss Jennie Ordway, Miss Margaret Weyer, Miss Inez Godward, teachers.

Full consecration! let us go forth bravely
His cross-bearers, who lived for us and died;
Taking grief calmly, making conquest gravely,
With the sweet quiet of the satisfied.

THU

30

San Juan. Missionaries, Rev. J. Milton Greene, D.D., and Miss Nellie S. Shulean, M.D. Dr. Greene began work in Santurce, a part of San Juan, January, 1900. Here is one of many expressions of approval from the Porto Ricans: "A great change has come over this part of the city since he came here and began his services. . . . He came like an angel from heaven."

FRI

31

Aguadilla—was entered by Rev. Judson L. Underwood, May, 1900, after he had been assisting Mr. Caldwell a few months in Mayaguez. Remarkable interest has attended his services ever since the first Sabbath, when his ninety-six chairs were besieged by an audience of four hundred.

JUNE

ALASKA

SAT

1

Alaska's Church Needs.

Alaska, in recent years a land of surprises, has many rapidly growing towns. Where the people go, the Church should swiftly follow; and ours is facing many openings which for lack of funds the Board dare not seek to man with missionaries.

SUN**2**

"O God, Thou art my God. Because Thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee."

MON**3**

The Untouched Interior of Alaska

Is vast and in sore need of the gospel. "The lust of gold and the absorbing struggle to get it leaves little room in the heart for spiritual hunger. Utter disregard for the Sabbath and open immorality are characteristic features. There is no public sentiment for good or against evil," so writes one who has been there.

TUE**4**

Rev. and Mrs. James Wollaston Kirk, from Philadelphia, entered **Eagle** in July, 1900. It is a military post and the audiences are composed of Indians, gold-seekers and soldiers. The work is unique. Mr. Kirk says: "We have all phases of religious belief and no belief. Many of the minds here are very keen."

WED**5**

Rev. M. Egbert Koonce, Ph.D., began work at **Rampart** in May, 1900. He and his church bell are sounding the keynote of righteousness in the lonely Yukon valley. He writes, "If our work here does nothing more, at present, than to establish and maintain confidence in Christian character and the integrity of the Church, it will have well repaid its cost."

THU**6**

The Presbytery of the Yukon,

Organized, July, 1899. Ministers: H. R. Marsh, M. D., Point Barrow; James Wollaston Kirk, Eagle; M. Egbert Koonce, Ph.D., Rampart, and S. Hall Young, D.D., of the Yukon River region.

The scene of thrilling experiences and heroic work, though comprising no organized churches. Dr. Young writes, "Pray for your wilderness-swallowed missionaries."

FRI**7**

Alaska Presbytery,

Number of churches, 11; churches aided, 11; ministers employed, 10.

Special needs: (a) Increased desire for intellectual progress. (b) More longing for spiritual enlightenment. (c) More complete submission to God's will in order that His power may enable individuals to overcome avarice and the tremendous temptation to dissolute living which everywhere abounds. (d) More Christian workers and deeper consecration.

SAT**8**

The voice of Providence seems to be saying, The harvest is fully ripe; thrust in the sickle and reap. Men stand ready to do the work of evangelization if they can be supported therein. The hour is ripe—the men are ready. The hour and the man "were never more perfectly in conjunction." God has provided both. Let us furnish needful supplies and all will be well.

"The whole social and ethical life of these people is so inwrought with their established customs that it is a great problem how to root out the tares without destroying the wheat. Social standing, positions of honor and influence depend upon their observance of these customs. The time has not yet arrived when any amount of intellect, or even wealth, will gain social prestige equal to that of making a great feast and giving away one or two hundred blankets."

SUN**9**

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.—Ps. lxxxvi : 15.

MON**10**

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., Presbyterian missionary.

Here am I; send me.—Isa. vi : 8.

And the Lord looked upon him, and said, "Go in this thy might, . . . have not I sent thee?"—Judges vi : 14.

TUE**11**

Chilcat. Rev. W. W. Warne, missionary.

Fort Wrangel. Rev. H. P. Corser, missionary.

Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord which he will show you this day.—Ex. xiv : 13.

WED**12**

Hoonah. Rev. Wm. M. Carl, missionary.

Walk in wisdom towards them that are without, redeeming the time.—Col. iv : 5.

Mr. W. Hammond (native), interpreter.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.—Matt. xvi : 24.

Mrs. J. W. McFarland, teacher.

Yet a little while and the time of harvest shall come.—Jer. li : 33.

THU**13**

Hydah. Rev. D. R. Montgomery, missionary

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us.—I John i : 3.

Mr. Davis, interpreter.

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.—Ps. cxli : 2.

Mrs. C. B. Taylor, teacher.

Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings.—Mal. iv : 2.

FRI**14**

Juneau. Rev. W. S. Bannerman (white church), missionary; Rev. L. F. Jones (native church), missionary; Mr. F. L. Moore (native), interpreter.

What are we?—Ex. xvi : 7. We are his witnesses.—Acts v : 32.

The Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.—Mal. iii : 16.

SAT**15**

Point Barrow. Rev. H. R. Marsh, M.D., medical missionary.

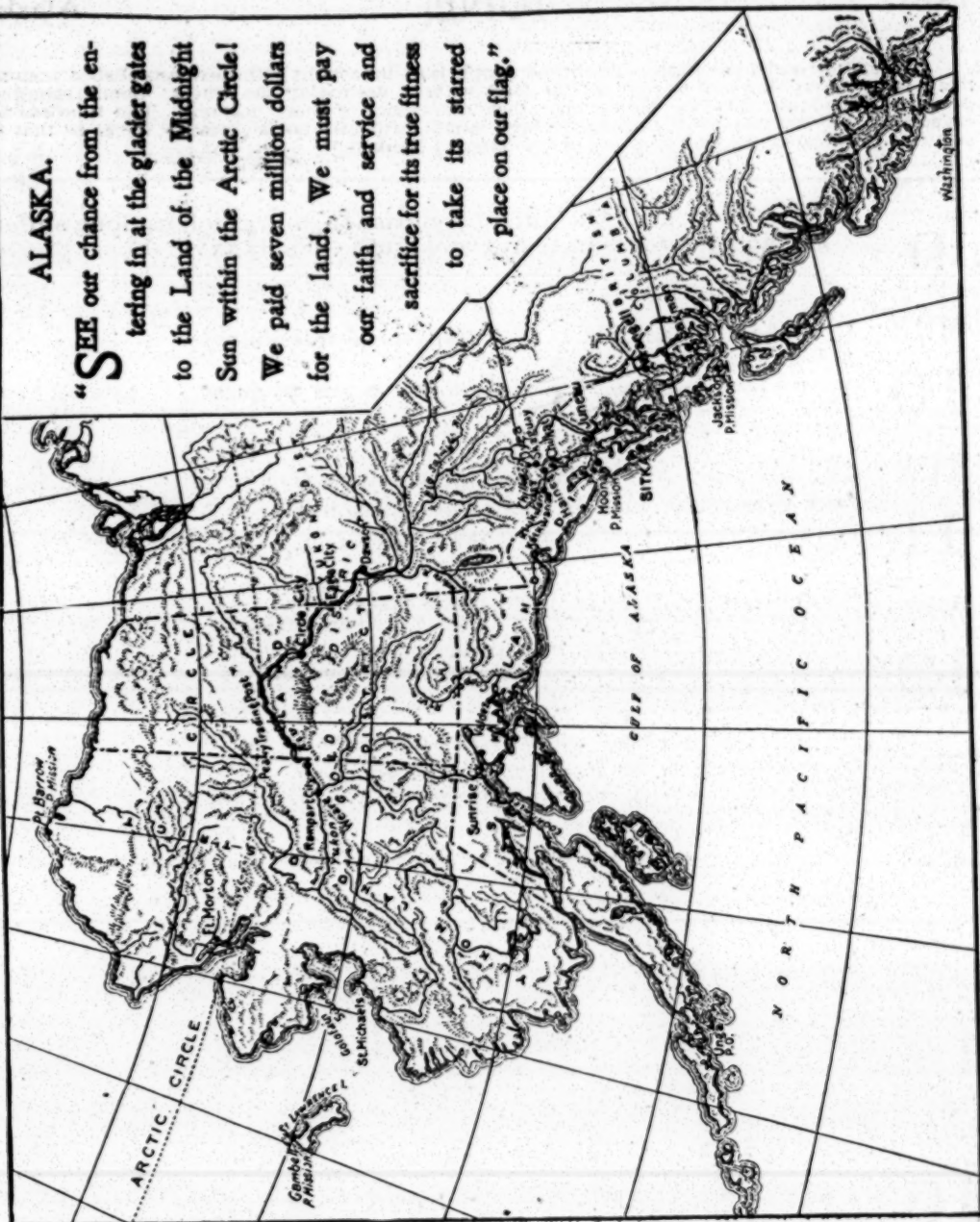
Heal the sick, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.—Luke x : 9.

Mrs. H. R. Marsh, missionary; Rev. and Mrs. S. Spriggs, teachers.

"For my part, I see no reason why we should distrust our God any more, since He has now, and in such a place as this, given us such testimony of His love as this."—John Bunyan.

ALASKA.

"SEE our chance from the entering in at the glacier gates to the Land of the Midnight Sun within the Arctic Circle! We paid seven million dollars for the land. We must pay our faith and service and sacrifice for its true fitness to take its starred place on our flag."



It requires the highest kind of heroism when a native comes out from his own people and takes a firm stand for Christ against the old-time customs of his race, and against the influence of bad white men. It takes much more heroism to live an earnest Christian life under such circumstances than might be supposed.

SUN**16**

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.—Ps. viii: 3, 4, 5.

St. Lawrence Island. Rev. W. P. Doty, teacher.

Order my steps in thy word.—Ps. cxix: 133.

MON**17**

Saxman. Rev. E. Marsden (native), missionary.

That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.—II Tim. i: 14.

Skagway. Rev. N. B. Harrison (white church), missionary.

And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.—Mark xvi: 20.

TUE**18**

Sitka. Rev. M. D. McClelland, missionary.

Moreover, because the Preacher was wise he still taught the people knowledge, even words of truth.—Ecc. xii: 9, 10.

Mrs. M. K. Paul (native), interpreter.

"Sheaves after sowing,
Sun after rain,
Sight after mystery,
Peace after pain;

Joy after sorrow,
Calm after blast,
Rest after weariness,
Sweet rest at last."—*Miss Havergal.*

WED**19**

Sitka. (Training School.) Mr. W. A. Kelly, superintendent; Mr. D. W. Richards, assistant superintendent.

"'Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.' Such was the perpetual, self-limited character of the love of Jesus for His native land."—*Phillips Brooks.*

THU**20**

Mrs. E. C. Heizer, Mrs. M. A. Saxman, teachers.

"The only way to regenerate the world is to do the duty which lies nearest us, and not to hunt after grand, far-fetched ones for ourselves. If each drop of rain *chose* where it should fall, God's showers would not fall as they do now, on the evil and the good alike."—*Chas. Kingsley.*

FRI**21**

Miss S. Davis, Miss S. Martindale, matrons.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over.—Luke vi: 38.

SAT**22**

Miss F. H. Willard (native), Miss A. M. Sheets, assistant matrons.

"Mine is the sweeter, easier, happier task
Just to look up to Thee for any word,
Rest in Thy love, and trust and know that
I am heard."

"Of the first converts some are ever faithful to their vows, and as Christians, live quite up to their light. We must not forget their heathen ancestors, their illiteracy, and their general environment. Obstacles to their spiritual progress are their inherent savage instincts and superstitions, to which they cling most tenaciously. Around the child from infancy there is a halo of myth in song and story, and sometimes a real savagery in their tribal conferences."

SUN**23**

Give ear O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

Ps. lxxx: 1.

MON**24**

Sitka Training School. Miss L. Owen, sewing teacher; Miss O. Hilton (native), science kitchen; Miss M. Skeli (native), laundress.

"My place of lowly service, too,
Beneath Thy sheltering wings I see;
For all the work I have to do
Is done through sheltering rest in Thee."—A. L. Waring.

TUE**25**

Mr. G. J. Beck, carpenter; Mr. J. E. Gamble, industrial teacher; Mr. H. George (native), shoemaker.

These were the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges; there they dwelt *with the King for his work*.—I Chron. iv: 23.

Mine arm also shall strengthen him.—Ps. lxxxix: 21.

WED**26**

Sitka Hospital. Dr. B. K. Wilbur, physician and surgeon; Miss E. Gibson, hospital nurse; Miss A. Hines (native), assistant nurse.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor:

He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.—Luke iv: 18, 19 (Rev. Ver.)

THU**27**

"We believe that if the spiritual fruit of our *medical* mission work could be tabulated, the fact would be revealed that no method of missionary work has been more signally blessed in spreading the knowledge of the gospel. The seed sown in the hearts of patients has in many cases brought forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty and some a hundred fold."

Special prayer for a continuance of God's blessing upon medical mission work in Alaska and throughout the world.

FRI**28**

Thy neighbor is he, whom thou
Hast power to aid and bless;
Whose aching heart or burning brow
Thy soothing hand may press.

SAT**29**

Prayer that, not only as a *nation*, but as *individuals*, we may recognize our great responsibility towards those who have been born and brought up in the darkness of heathenism.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet; all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!—Ps. viii: 6-9.

Prayer for a blessing upon our own and all other women's societies, and for all leaders in missionary work; for a baptism of the Spirit upon the youth and children of our land; for a blessing on missionary literature and those having it in charge.

SUN**30**

In the midst of many people, as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.—Micah v : 7.

JULY**REVIEW OF THE YEAR****MON****1**

Thanksgiving for "*Woman's Work*" as a factor in the evangelization of our country.

"The limitations are not His but ours. If the mission school influences were multiplied by the *ability* of Presbyterian women, such vitalizing energy would be developed as would revolutionize the stagnating, debasing mass of heathenism in the midst of a fair land." Serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope—continuing steadfastly in prayer.—Rom. xii : 12.

TUE**2**

Thanksgiving for conversions in the schools, and for the strengthening of the Christian character of the pupils as a result of the year's work.

"We can feel the inflow of the new life purpose in those who have 'come over the line,' and are working to please the Master as well as to make the best of themselves." For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.—Zech. viii : 2.

WED**3**

Thanksgiving for new schools opened, and enlargement on new lines of work.

"To lead a people away from degradation, to teach those who have no inheritance of steady purpose to arise into new habits of thought and feeling, into a faith which really purifies the heart and the life, is not the work of a year, nor of fifty years." There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.—Josh. xiii : 1.

Wherein shall it be known that thy people have found grace in thy sight? . . . Is it not in that *thou* goest with us?—Ex. xxxiii : 16.

THU**4**

Thanksgiving for the consecrated band of workers *at the front*.

"Figures are utterly powerless to express even a tithe of the mighty power of a Christlike life as the teacher or missionary goes about among the people, speaking kind words, doing kind deeds, helping in sickness, bringing comfort to the sorrowing, thus being veritable angels of mercy to a people who in times past were strangers to Christian sympathy and love. All this and much more have that royal band of workers been. They have met with reward as they have gone along, but verily their 'reward shall be great in heaven.'"—Rev. Geo. F. McAfee.

FRI**5**

Thanksgiving for the faithful band of workers at home. Prayer for the president of the Woman's Board, the officers, and the workers in the office.

Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren and to strangers, which have borne witness of thy charity before the church; whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well.—III John v : 6.

SAT**6**

General thanksgiving for all God's blessings and mercies during the past year.

Thine O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven, and the earth is thine; thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Now therefore our Lord, we thank thee and praise thy glorious name.—Chron. xxix : 11, 13.

SUN**7**

O give thanks unto the Lord—for he is good. . . . who remembered us in our low estate—for his mercy endureth forever.

—Ps. cxxxvi : 1, 23.

MON**8**

East Florida Presbytery,

Synod of Atlanta: No. of churches, 21; churches aided, 12; ministers employed, 6.

The work in Florida has been passing through a period of tremendous difficulty, owing to the freezes of recent years. The present year is a critical one in that it is likely to determine the future of certain churches now receiving aid.

TUE**9**

South Florida Presbytery,

Synod of Atlanta: No. of churches, 20; churches aided, 16; ministers employed, 12.

All South Florida is in a transition, and our churches and missionaries have shared alike the financial disasters of the three winters past. Most happy relations exist between this Presbytery and that of St. John's in the Southern Church, with whom six joint meetings have been held.

WED**10**

French Broad Presbytery,

Synod of Tennessee: No. of churches, 15; churches aided, 12; ministers employed, 7.

Organized in the mountains of North Carolina in 1898, it includes 16 counties (6,706 square miles), and a population of 186,500—one of the most destitute populations to which our Church has access, one of the most eager for the gospel, one of the most responsive to its message.

THU**11**

Holston Presbytery,

Synod of Tennessee: No. of churches, 18; churches aided, 11; ministers employed, 6.

Needed: Stronger spirit of self-help among the churches; a closer fellowship and more mutual helpfulness on the part of pastor and people; a larger faith in the possibilities of this field; a deeper interest among the churches in the school work; a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit.

FRI**12**

Kingston Presbytery,

Synod of Tennessee: No. of churches, 28; churches aided, 26; ministers employed, 10.

"The Presbytery extends from the Cumberland Mountains, Tenn., to Birmingham, Ala. The mountain population, the mining town population, the population of the manufacturing city, and a large colored population prove it missionary ground. Foundations are being laid for churches, greatly needed and promising usefulness in coming years."

SAT**13**

Union Presbytery,

Synod of Tennessee: No. of churches, 40; churches aided, 25; ministers employed, 9.

Pray: "For union between Northern and Southern Presbyterians; for greater effort to attain self-support; for a higher appreciation of gospel privileges; for more conscientious loyalty to Christ and His cause; for more Christian teachers and schools among the mountain people."

SUN**14**

O give thanks unto the Lord, to him who alone doeth great wonders, for his mercy endureth forever.—Ps. cxxxvi : 1, 4.

MON**15****Ebenezer Presbytery,**

Synod of Kentucky: No. of churches, 25; churches aided, 7; ministers employed, 5.

As Kentucky is one of the "self-supporting" Synods, it is hoped that it may soon assume the care of Ebenezer's seven churches now asking aid from the Home Board, thus freeing nearly \$1,000 for new work elsewhere. Pray for this.

TUE**16****Louisville Presbytery,**

Synod of Kentucky: No. of churches, 26; churches aided, 9; ministers employed, 4.

"Our pressing need is for an evangelist and men willing to take hard fields and make sacrifices for the Master's sake, and to consecrate their lives, with something of Christ's spirit, to the great cause of home missions."

WED**17****Transylvania Presbytery,**

Synod of Kentucky: No. of churches, 29; churches aided, 25; ministers employed, 10.

"We need in these churches a spirit of self-help, and though they are poor there is danger of their allowing themselves to depend, more than is good for them, on the Board. Some few, especially among the self-supporting churches, need more of the spirit of unity and co-operation."

THU**18****Austin Presbytery,**

Synod of Texas: No. of churches, 27; churches aided, 20; ministers employed, 10.

Some things to pray for: "Our churches in Houston and Galveston; churches weakened by removals, but needed nevertheless; churches far apart, having scattered membership and only one service a month. (One missionary travels 750 miles each month to reach his appointments.) Points almost ready for organization; and unentered open doors."

FRI**19****North Texas Presbytery,**

Synod of Texas: No. of churches, 12; churches aided, 7; ministers employed, 5.

"The churches of the Presbytery need to advance toward self-support as rapidly as possible. We need more money in order to revive some of our old work and to open up new work in the Pan-Handle country, along the line of railroad."

SAT**20****Trinity Presbytery,**

Synod of Texas: No. of churches, 15; churches aided, 9; ministers employed, 5.

"Two academies present difficult problems but equal reasons for hopefulness. The Mary Allen Seminary is also here, doing a great work for Texas colored girls. Especially we request prayer that our pastors and other Christian workers may be thoroughly devoted and richly furnished with wisdom and spiritual power."

SUN**21**

O give thanks unto the Lord—to him that stretched out the earth above the waters—for his mercy endureth forever.

—Ps. cxxxvi: 1, 6.

MON**22**

Emporia Presbytery,

Synod of Kansas: Number of churches, 65; churches aided, 42; ministers employed, 29.

"For a large increase of the missionary spirit among our people and of the grace and duty of giving to the Lord's work. For material and spiritual blessings upon our synodical college—the College of Emporia—and upon Lewis Academy."

TUE**23**

Larned Presbytery,

Synod of Kansas: Number of churches, 45; churches aided, 31; ministers employed, 19.

"This Presbytery lacks two counties of embracing one-third of the entire State. It is about 220 miles by 100 miles in extent. Some of our missionaries have wide fields. We need more men and better support for some of those already on the field."

WED**24**

Neosho Presbytery,

Synod of Kansas: Number of churches, 66; churches aided, 38; ministers employed, 17.

Ask, "For a quickened membership by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, assuring deeper work of grace in every heart and life; less worldliness; greater activity in seeking conversion of souls; a consecration of earthly goods in due proportion to the Lord's work."

THU**25**

Osborne Presbytery,

Synod of Kansas: Number of churches, 28; churches aided, 24; ministers employed, 15.

A frontier Presbytery and emphatically home mission territory with no self-supporting church; a good deal of skepticism is met and hinders the financial progress of the churches.

FRI**26**

Solomon Presbytery,

Synod of Kansas: Number of churches, 46; churches aided, 29; ministers employed, 12.

"The Presbytery of Solomon covers nine counties in the central northern part of Kansas. In one county Bohemians are numerous; in another, French Canadians. The country was first settled by a journeying people who come and go."

SAT**27**

Topeka Presbytery,

Synod of Kansas: Number of churches, 45; churches aided, 21; ministers employed, 12.

"May the restless energy and earnestness characterizing other pursuits in our larger fields be consecrated to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom; and the feeling of discouragement among our smaller flocks, occasioned by the shifting tides of an unsettled population, be not suffered to deepen into utter despair."

SUN

28

O give thanks unto the Lord. To him that made great lights, for his mercy endureth forever.—Ps. cxxxvi : 1, 7.

MON

29

Boulder Presbytery.

Synod of Colorado: No. of churches, 28; churches aided, 21; ministers employed, 14.

"We need in Wyoming a pastor-at-large, but the funds have not been sufficient to secure one. In this western country there is much worldliness and irreligion, and Sabbath desecration. Yet there is throughout all this region a growing moral and religious sentiment which promises well for the future."

TUE

30

Denver Presbytery.

Synod of Colorado: No. of churches, 26; churches aided, 15; ministers employed, 11.

"Pioneer evangelistic work is conducted by our Synodical evangelist in schoolhouses and home mission churches in winter and with a large tent in summer. The population increases rapidly. Many invalids, attracted by the salubrious climate, and many adventurers are allured in search of gold."

WED

31

Gunnison Presbytery.

Synod of Colorado: No. of churches, 14; churches aided, 9; ministers employed, 8.

Ask for "More aid to carry out long-cherished plans for increased work and meet the many appeals for means of grace; more grace and wisdom to overcome difficulties from worldliness, Sabbath desecration, indifference, shifting population."

AUGUST

THU

1

Butte Presbytery.

Synod of Montana: No. of churches, 14; churches aided, 11; ministers employed, 7.

Butte Presbytery, great in area, though comparatively small in the number of its churches, embraces many new and growing places. Four churches advanced \$50 toward self-support last year. For new work only \$300 was allotted to one field where \$500 was needed. Expensive economy!

FRI

2

Great Falls Presbytery.

Synod of Montana: No. of churches, 13; churches aided, 9; ministers employed, 7.

"Great Falls Presbytery is 300 miles long and 150 wide. In all this territory we have but 13 churches, 9 Sunday-schools, 4 weekly prayer-meetings, 5 ladies' aid societies, 2 missionary societies. The saloon, Sabbath desecration and floating population are our worst enemies and greatest discouragements."

SAT

3

Helena Presbytery.

Synod of Montana: No. of churches, 11; churches aided, 8; ministers employed, 6.

"Helena Presbytery extends over area as large as the State of New York or Pennsylvania. Churches are usually small and far from each other. Isolation is keenly felt. Contest with crude materialism and popular godlessness tries the soul. Young, brave, consecrated workers needed, and strengthening and saving grace."

SUN

4

Being cleansed by Thy precious blood, O Christ, may we ever render unto Thee a pure worship, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MON

5

Box Butte Presbytery.

Synod of Nebraska: No. of churches, 17; churches aided, 14; ministers employed, 7.

In no part of Nebraska are rent and provisions as high as here. This fact has increased the disadvantages under which this Presbytery has labored, as men of experience and of special adaptation to frontier work could not be supported on the salaries offered.

TUE

6

Hastings Presbytery.

Synod of Nebraska: No. of churches, 35; churches aided, 26; ministers employed, 17.

"Pray for the large number of young people in our churches, especially those looking forward to the ministry; for Hastings College, that the student may be brought to Christ; for our pastors, laboring to build up churches in small towns; that this year may be one of special spiritual growth."

WED

7

Kearney Presbytery.

Synod of Nebraska: No. of churches, 43; churches aided, 31; ministers employed, 15.

"Pray for money to support the home mission work and more consecrated men to prosecute it; for a deeper spiritual life, that all people recognizing the Lord as the giver of all good and themselves as His stewards, may consecrate a definite proportion of their means to His work."

THU

8

Nebraska City Presbytery.

Synod of Nebraska: No. of churches, 46; churches aided, 22; ministers employed, 17.

"Our special need is prayer that these self-sacrificing men of God may be given grace to do their work faithfully and courageously in the face of every discouragement, and that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit may ever be with them and their families."

FRI

9

Niobrara Presbytery.

Synod of Nebraska: No. of churches, 35; churches aided, 29; ministers employed, 14.

Let our prayer be "for more laborers for some of our very needy fields; men consecrated and willing to endure privations and hardships for the Master's sake; more devotion to Christ's cause on the part of the membership of these churches."

SAT

10

Omaha Presbytery.

Synod of Nebraska: No. of churches, 48; churches aided, 22; ministers employed, 12.

Special Needs: (1) Our foreign populations both in cities and country, especially the Bohemian and Scandinavian. (2) The rural districts. We could get the men for meeting these needs if we had the money to support them. (3) A deeper work of grace in all our churches.

SUN**11**

O Lord be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee; be thou our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.—Ps. xxxiii: 2.

MON**12****Bismarck Presbytery.**

Synod of North Dakota: No. of churches, 11; churches aided 6; ministers employed, 4.

A truly home missionary Presbytery! By way of illustration, remember that one of its ministers serves three fields, to reach which he must drive at least one hundred miles each week. And North Dakota winds are often cold and the roads are not always good.

TUE**13****Fargo Presbytery.**

Synod of North Dakota: No. of churches, 28; churches aided, 25; ministers employed, 19.

Dangers: "Sabbath desecration! Most farmers do not stop for Sunday. Most of the wealth is controlled by men who have little interest in church work. A spirit of worldliness among professing Christians. A tardiness in meeting financial obligations. Constant removals of church people.

WED**14****Minnewaukon Presbytery.**

Synod of North Dakota: No. of churches, 22; churches aided, 12; ministers employed, 12.

The problems of the scattered communities in our Northwest are emphasized in this Presbytery of nineteen churches with a total membership of not quite five hundred. It is truly home mission territory, all the more this year because of the recent disastrous crop failure.

THU**15****Pembina Presbytery.**

Synod of North Dakota: No. of churches, 48; churches aided, 44; ministers employed, 24.

"To gather into the fold the families scattered over these broad prairies and keep them interested, requires ceaseless, patient, laborious work. The constant change, the struggle to make a home and secure a competence takes up their time and spiritual things are forgotten."

FRI**16****Aberdeen Presbytery.**

Synod of South Dakota: No. of churches, 26; churches aided, 21; ministers employed, 13.

Prayer is asked, "That our membership may be thoroughly consecrated and their influence be felt against materialism and secularization of the Lord's Day; that our new fields may be manned and God's word have power as it is preached."

SAT**17****Black Hills Presbytery.**

Synod of South Dakota: No. of churches, 18; churches aided, 18; ministers employed, 10.

"Pray for the proper observance of the Sabbath. For greater spirituality. Worldliness, indifference and lack of interest in church affairs prevail in all this region. For the missionaries; that they may have strength, wisdom, encouragement and success in their difficult work."

SUN

18

I thank him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus, our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me to *his* service.—I Tim. i: 12.

MON

19

Central Dakota Presbytery.

Synod of South Dakota: No. of churches, 30; churches aided, 27; ministers employed, 13.

"Pray for more good men to open and keep open needy fields in our Presbytery. Our great need is the mighty power of the Holy Spirit."

TUE

20

Southern Dakota Presbytery.

Synod of South Dakota: No. of churches, 27; churches aided, 20; ministers employed, 15.

"A steady stream of population flows into our new state. Many foreigners are coming to us. We need more laborers and larger funds. But most of all we need that spirit of prayer and consecration which God will honor with a larger baptism of His Spirit."

WED

21

Boston Presbytery.

No. of churches, 40; churches aided, 15; ministers employed, 15.

"Give thanks for progress in attaining self-support, thus relieving the Board of three churches. Pray that sessions and all officers and members comprising our churches may be imbued with grace, wisdom and earnest co-operation, that thus the work may make substantial progress."

THU

22

The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

FRI

23

Prayer that our church members throughout our land may "hold fast to the faith."

"Be not afraid neither doubt, for God is your guide."

SAT

24

"Truly the land is before us as it has never been in other years. The voice of our God is saying to His new Israel, "Go ye up and possess it." Let us not be disobedient to this latest heavenly vision. The "Go forward," which God now is speaking demands more money."—Rev. C. L. Thompson, D.D

If a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself.—Lev. xix : 33, 34.

SUN

Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations; thou hast established the earth and it abideth.—Ps. cxix: 89, 90.

25

Pray for the strangers in our midst, and that God will bless the means used for their conversion and enlightenment.

MON

Chicago, Ill. Immanuel Kindergarten. Miss M. Cosgrove, principal; Miss Hahn, assistant.

26

Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good unto edifying. For Christ also pleased not himself.

TUE

Chicago. (Industrial School.) Miss E. Schneider, Miss A. Schneider, Miss Burton, teachers.

27

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.—John vi : 35.

WED

Chicago. (Olivet Mission.) Miss R. Beyer, principal; Miss G. McCormick, assistant.

28

"Let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing."

THU

Chicago. (West Division St. Mission.) Miss J. E. Fox, principal; Miss L. Chester, assistant.

29

West Superior St. Mission. Miss J. L. Williamson, principal.

And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water, only in the name of a disciple, verily, I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward.—Matt. x : 42.

FRI

The Woman's Board, through the Chicago Presbyterial Society, has in charge an interesting work in a congested foreign district of the city of Chicago. Its nature is seen in the statement of Miss Williamson:

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"We are in one of the worst wards in the city—the famous sixteenth—where, it is said, there are more Poles than in any two cities in Poland, and we have entirely a foreign element to deal with. In our kindergarten and other work we have all foreigners—Germans, Poles, Norwegians, etc."

Two millions of Poles are supposed to be in the United States, although some reckon them at three millions.

SAT

New Prague, Minn. Miss M. J. Nowak, missionary.

In the day when I cried, thou answeredst me and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.—Ps. cxxxviii : 3.

31

A new station assumed among a settlement of Bohemians. The gospel is taught them in their own language. God is opening their hearts to the truth.

"Let us advance. The voice heard by Moses, 'Why criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward,' is, I believe, God's voice to us to-day. There are victories before us in the spiritual world exceeding anything hitherto experienced, if our faith and courage are equal to the test. Let us gird ourselves for the hard fighting surely before us, ere we win from the 'enemy of all righteousness' one iota of territory, then standing, attent, listening for our orders, we shall surely hear above the noise and turmoil of this busy world the bugle call 'ADVANCE,' from our great Commander to every soldier along the line."—Mrs. M. E. James.

SUN

1

O God, who hast made us a place of power among the nations of the earth, teach us to walk before Thee in justice and righteousness—that Thou mayest abide among us as our God and King.

MON

2

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

Resolved: "Since centuries of experience show the religion of Christ must keep or lose spiritual power in almost exact proportion as the Scriptural Sabbath is hallowed or profaned," that the Woman's Board calls on all Christian women to secure the maintenance of the Sabbath by rest of body and mind, by private meditation on divine things and by public worship, that the right use of the Lord's Day may mean a spiritual refreshment to the whole Church of Christ.

TUE

3

Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work, for I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts.—Haggai ii: 4.

Swing into line with the eternal energy, be a force among forces, a toiler, a producer, a factor, and life never loses its tone and flavor, its bead of glamour. There is no real taste to bread nor bliss in sleep for the idler.

WED

4

Wherefore take up the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Eph. vi: 13.

We must put on the armor with the determination clearly before us to make this one purpose the end and aim of our lives. Putting aside luxurious ease, working as if everything depended upon our personal efforts, resting that we may be better fitted for work, with the sublime purpose ever before us, never forgotten, to claim and train the children of this our land for Christ.

THU

5

"What great nation is there that hath a God so nigh unto them as the Lord our God is whensoever we call upon Him? Only take heed to thyself and keep thy soul diligently."

FRI

6

"Let us not forget that we must give an account of our stewardship."

"Live and obey. Obey and live." "Act! act! turn powers into deeds" is the perpetual exhortation of the Lord of Life. There is a stingy caution which will do nothing for fear of doing wrong, and so does wrong all the time. But all the time the talent is the Lord's talent to be used in obedience to Him. "Thou oughtest to have put my money to the exchangers and then at my coming I should have received mine own."

SAT

7

Pray: That the "coming of the Kingdom may be hastened in our loved land and that the Church of Christ may be strong for witness in the midst of the people."

1901

SEPTEMBER

Forecast and Rally

SUN

8

But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.

Then the Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

—Jer. i: 7-9.

MON

9

Rev. Donald McDonald, D.D., since 1892 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Kentucky.

For from of old men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen a God beside thee, which worketh for him that waiteth for him.—Isa. lxiv: 4.

TUE

10

Rev. H. Keigwin, since 1889 superintendent of missions in East Florida and South Florida Presbyteries, Synod of Atlantic.

Fear thou not for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.—Isa. xli: 10.

WED

11

Rev. Henry S. Little, D.D., since 1879 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Texas.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.—Ps. xxvii: 14.

THU

12

Rev. David Howell, since 1892 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Michigan.

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.—Prov. xiv: 26.

FRI

13

Rev. L. C. Smith, D.D., since 1897 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Wisconsin.

The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.—Deut. xxxi: 8.

SAT

14

Rev. R. N. Adams, D.D., since 1886 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Minnesota.

Yea, if thou cry after discernment, and lift up thy voice for understanding; if thou seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.—Prov. ii: 3-5, 6. (Rev. Ver.)

SUN**15**

O Lord thou art my God: I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, even counsels of old, in faithfulness and truth.—Isa. xxv: 1.

Wherefore glorify the Lord in the east, even the name of the Lord, the God of Israel, in the isles of the sea.—Isa. xxiv: 15.

MON**16**

Rev. Charles H. Purmort, D.D., since July, 1899, superintendent of missions in the Synod of Iowa.

Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it.—Ezra x: 4.

TUE**17**

Rev. H. P. Carson, D.D., since 1888 superintendent of missions in the Synod of South Dakota.

Of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
—Col. iii: 24.

WED**18**

Rev. Thomas L. Sexton, D.D., since 1896 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Nebraska.

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.—Josh. 1: 9.

THU**19**

Rev. S. B. Fleming, D.D., since 1887 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Kansas.

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Mosca, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage.—Josh. 1: 5, 6.

FRI**20**

Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., since 1884 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Colorado.

They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage.
I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.
Isa. xli: 6, 13.

SAT**21**

Rev. Frederick W. Hawley, D.D., since 1896 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Indian Territory.

For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to youward.—II Cor. 1: 12.

1901

SEPTEMBER

Forecast and Rally

SUN

22

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.—Deut. xxxi: 6.

MON

23

Rev. A. K. Baird, D.D., since 1894 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Montana. (Dr. Baird served the Board thus in Iowa, 1876-1883, and then for about a year in Minnesota.)

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not: and it shall be given him.—James i: 5

TUE

24

Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., since 1898 superintendent of missions in the Synod of Oregon.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us.—I John v: 14.

WED

25

Home Mission Committees in all the Synods,

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray and make request for you, that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.—(R. V.) Col. i: 9, 10.

THU

26

Home Mission Committees in all the Presbyteries,

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous.—Josh. i: 6, 7.

FRI

27

The Boards, their Officers and Committees,

I am the Lord thy God, which stirreth up the sea, that the waves thereof roar: the Lord of hosts is his name. And I have put my hands in thy mouth, and have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.—Isa. li: 15, 16.

SAT

28

The Boards' Office Helpers,

For those who assist the officers in carrying on the routine business of the Boards.

Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.—II Chron. xv: 7.

SUN

29

Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified: thou hast enlarged all the borders of the land.—Isa. xxvi: 15.

When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.—Isa. xxvi: 9.

MON

30

The Literature Department.

Here are sent out all the leaflet publications of the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board.

Periodical literature wholly or in part under the care of the Home Mission Boards, *The Assembly Herald*, the *Home Mission Monthly*, *Over Sea and Land*.

Special prayer is asked: For those who have the preparation of Home Mission printed matter, and for the wise distribution and thoughtful perusal of its pages.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.—Hosea iv: 6.

OCTOBER

THE MORMONS

TUE

1

The Menace of Mormonism. (250,000 Mormons are in our land.)

"Pray that there may be a clearer understanding of the power and wickedness of the Mormon system, and greater skill and wisdom on the part of the Christian workers in meeting this system in the proper spirit."

WED

2

"Pray for a baptism of the Spirit upon all workers and Christians in Utah—that the Lord will put it into the hearts of those who have means to support Christian education and the preaching of the gospel until the State shall be Christianized."

THU

3

Boise Presbytery.

Synod of Utah: No. of churches, 11; churches aided, 10; ministers employed, 6.

"The special need in this Presbytery is funds with which to locate ministers on new fields. There are many communities where men could and ought to be located, but for several years we have been able to take up no new work."

FRI

4

Kendall Presbytery.

Synod of Utah: No. of churches, 10; churches aided, 9; ministers employed, 7.

"Good authority represents the Mormon population of Southern Idaho as about thirty thousand. Nearly all of these are within the bounds of Kendall Presbytery and most of the Christian work has been thus far left to Presbyterians."

SAT

5

Utah Presbytery.

Synod of Utah: No. of churches, 25; churches aided, 24; ministers employed, 22; teachers and Bible readers, 44.

"Pray that the Holy Spirit may open the hearts of the people of Utah to receive the truths of the gospel and give up their anti-Christian errors."

"Only 24 schools and 70 teachers among the Mormons in Utah and Idaho. It is indeed a small army, but it is a brave one. They have held on their way only because they felt that their Captain was in command and was marching at the head of the column. It will never be known to the outside world, nor rightly appreciated by the Church, what this consecrated band of mission teachers have been subjected to by their enemies on the field."—*Report of Superintendent of Schools, 1900.*

SUN

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy. Hallowed be thy name.

6

Utah. Rev. S. E. Wishard, D.D., Synodical missionary.

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.—II Cor. x: 4.

MON

American Fork, Utah. Miss M. F. Paden, teacher.

7

Benjamin, Utah. Miss S. L. Meiling, teacher.

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.—Isa. xxx: 19.

TUE

Brigham, Utah. (Camp Mission.) Mrs. C. E. Sullivan, Miss C. B. Sullivan, teachers.

8

"He chooses work for every creature which will be delightful to them, if they do it simply and humbly. He gives us always strength enough for what He wants us to do; and we may always be sure, whatever we are doing, that we cannot be pleasing Him if we are not happy ourselves."—*J. Ruskin.*

WED

Fairview, Utah. Miss A. B. Fitts, Miss M. Lamont, teachers.

9

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.—Rom. xvi: 20.

There are great evils to be attacked, there are great wrongs to be set right, there are great ignorances to be instructed, great sufferings to be relieved. How can a life be aimless, when it looks on the world to-day?

THU

Gunnison, Utah. Miss M. H. Hemenway, teacher.

Hyrum, Utah. Mrs. J. H. De Vore, teacher.

10

Kaysville, Utah. Miss A. Noble, teacher.

Take up the Christian's burden—
Till right the world controls;
Go, give your soul to exile

To save these captive souls,
And reap your great reward—
The faith of those you guard.

FRI

Logan, Utah. (New Jersey Academy.) Mr. I. N. Smith, principal; Miss M. Chapin, assistant principal; Miss H. E. Elliott, teacher.

11

Be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.—Heb. xiii: 5, 6.

SAT

Miss H. Jensen, Miss A. L. Raymond, teachers.

12

If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.—Mark ix: 23.

Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.—Luke i: 45.

"The perversions of Scripture truth are all-pervading. The sinuosities of the dominant delusion, the impact of prejudice and superstition, and the ceaseless reiteration of falsehood have so befogged the minds of the people that only the Spirit's searching can clear away the bewildering haze; the divine light is penetrating."

SUN**13**

O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God.—Dan. ix: 19.

Manti, Utah. Miss M. White, Miss Marie Anderson, teachers.

Mendon, Utah. Miss M. H. McCullough, teacher.

Monroe, Utah. Miss M. Beekman, teacher.

"Religion is no mere delight of the understanding in the doctrines of our faith; no mere excitement of the sensibilities, now harrowed by fear, now jubilant in hope; but a warfare and a work—a warfare against sin and a work for God."

The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

—Prov. xviii: 10.

MON**14**

Mount Pleasant, Utah. (Wasatch Academy.) Mr. G. H. Marshall, principal; Miss E. C. Herron, Miss A. Stanley, teachers.

To bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.—Isa. lxi: 1.

TUE**15**

Miss M. M. Boyd, teacher; Mrs. E. Hostetter, matron.

Fulfill ye my joy that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.—Philippians, ii: 1, 2.

WED**16**

Nephi, Utah. Miss Nettie J. Gray, teacher.

Pleasant Grove, Utah. Miss F. Taylor, teacher

"If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not love and hope forsake us;
For through many a foe
To our home we go!"—Zinzendorf.

THU**17**

Parowan, Utah. Miss Mae Kyle, Miss C. Kyle, teachers; Miss E. E. Kyle, missionary.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.—Ps. lxxi: 3.

FRI**18**

Payson, Utah. Miss A. M. Speakman, Miss M. Jensen, teachers.

Richfield, Utah. Miss Sadie L. McClure, teacher.

"It is not so bad to go through here as it is to *abide* here always; one reason why we must go this way to the House prepared for us, is, that our Home must be made the sweeter to us."—John Bunyan.

SAT**19**

Richmond, Utah. (Philadelphia School.)

Salina, Utah. Miss J. T. Buchanan, Miss A. Quinton, teachers.

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.—Isa. xxx: 19.

"Mormonism to-day, triumphant and arrogant, its property and prestige restored, its citizenship guaranteed by Statehood, its influence secured by power in one of the branches of government, challenges the orthodoxy of your older beliefs and calls it heterodoxy. It throws down the gauntlet to the nations of all the earth, and tells them that every government is the heritage of the followers of Joseph Smith."—*Eugene Young.*

SUN**20**

O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquities and our sins, and take us for thine inheritance.—Ex. xxxiv : 9.

MON**21**

Salt Lake City. (Salt Lake Coll. Inst.) Mr. R. J. Caskey, principal; Miss L. M. Condit, assistant principal.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.—Isa. xi : 9.

TUE**22**

Mr. S. S. Stahl, Miss M. S. Morgan, Miss H. M. Wishard, teachers.

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. I have confidence to you-ward in the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.—Gal. v : 9, 10.

WED**23**

Miss A. E. Murphy, matron; Mrs. F. E. Morgan, assistant matron.

"O Thou whose call our hearts has stirred!

To do Thy will we come;

Thrust in our sickles at Thy word,

And bear our harvest home."—*Samuel Longfellow.*

THU**24**

Salt Lake City. (Westminster Mission.) Mrs. S. L. Reed, missionary. **Smithfield, Utah.** Miss E. Moore, teacher.

Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us.—II Cor. ii : 14.

FRI**25**

Springville. (Hungerford Academy.) Mr. H. G. Brown, principal; Miss L. R. Paden, assistant principal.

"When you are hindered or discouraged in the way of duty, lift up your eyes to the city of the living God, where are 'the Mediator of the new covenant' and the innumerable company of angels and the spirits of the just."—*Bishop Huntington.*

SAT**26**

Miss Eva Britan, Miss B. A. Henderson, teachers; Mrs. H. G. Brown, matron.

"Thine is the work, O Master mine!

The burden and the pain;

Thine is the testing plummet-line,

Measure, square and plane.

And Thine the joy when in the end,

Fore-planned, the lines all fitly blend;

My puny piece-work disappears,—

Atomic, lost to sight.

And when aloft thy fabric rears

Its towers to the light,

No graceless man-work mars its wall;

In mercy Thine hath rounded all!"

—*P. E. Howard.*

"From the President of the Church down to the most insignificant titheman, there has been a determined, persistent and almost brutal effort made to break up these schools. But God has most wonderfully preserved and sustained the workers. Grace according to their need has been given day by day. Under such stress it is marvelous that any progress has been made. Notwithstanding hindrances, God has blessed the work during the year, and has not suffered the faithful band to lose courage or suffer defeat."—*Annual Report of Superintendent of Schools.*

SUN**27**

Thou Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.—Ps. lxxxvi: 5.

MON**28**

St. George, Utah. Rev. M. E. Wright, missionary; Mrs. M. E. Wright, teacher.

Be strong and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts.—Hag. ii: 4.

Wellsville, Utah.

He preserveth the way of his saints.—Prov. ii: 8.

TUE**29**

Franklin, Idaho. Miss B. C. Johnson, teacher.

In that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.—Is. xii: 4.

WED**30**

Malad, Idaho. Miss M. Nelson, Miss R. Nelson, teachers.

"Send Thou, O Lord, to every place
Swift messengers before Thy face,
The heralds of Thy wondrous grace,
Where Thou, Thyself, wilt come.

"Give each one with the Spirit's sword
The sword of Thine own deathless word;
And make them conquerors, conquering, Lord,
Where Thou, Thyself, wilt come."

—Mrs. M. E. Gates.

THU**31**

Paris, Idaho. Miss T. Stalker, teacher.

To the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men.
—Dan. iv: 17.

Samaria, Idaho. Miss A. M. Wyman, teacher.

In His wounds all human sorrows will hide themselves, and all human self-denials support themselves against His cross.

NOVEMBER

THE MEXICANS

FRI**1**

The Mexicans are among our native American foreigners. Born on our soil, yet foreign in religion and language. They need our help. We must lift them up or they will pull us down. There are 25 schools with 48 teachers among these 265,000 people. "But what are these among so many?" Opposition has not ceased, but it is shorn of its strength. The work is advancing, God is richly blessing it, and the year just closed has proven one of the best in its history.

Los Angeles, Cal. Miss M. Cameron, matron; Miss I. L. Boone, teacher.

Let the beauty of the Lord be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hand upon us.
—Ps. xc: 17.

SAT**2**

Colorado. Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., Synodical missionary.

And to him will I give the land . . . because he has wholly followed the Lord.—Deut. i: 16.

Alamosa Canon, Col. Miss Petra Gomez, teacher.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even forever more.—Ps. cxxi: 8.

Jesus said, "The letter killeth, the spirit giveth life." The Catholic Church, substituting the letter for the spirit, has introduced death, not life. Doing penance for sin is not repenting of sin. Wherever the shadows of Catholicism have fallen across the world, there have been blight and disaster and destruction of the higher and nobler life. Let America take warning.

SUN**3**

Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.—Jer. x: 23.

Ignacio, Col. Mr. A. J. Rodriguez, evangelist; Miss G. R. Hileman, teacher.

Lead me in thy truth and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.—Ps. xxv: 5.

MON**4**

San Juan, Col. Miss M. Clements, teacher.

La Costilla, Col. Miss A. Melton, teacher.

"Who knows, who knows? There may be some
To whom the greatest gifts have come,
Who in their wider lives have not
The bounty of my narrow lot.
I in the dark, they in the light,
Shall not the Lord of all do right?
They with the more, I with the less,
Still let us sing for thankfulness."—C. Perry.

TUE**5**

San Pablo, Col. Miss L. T. Granger, teacher; Miss A. W. Granger, missionary.

"The more thoroughly, heartily, completely we are 'in Christ' ourselves, the more we shall do to bring others in."

WED**6**

New Mexico. Rev. R. M. Craig, Synodical missionary.

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him.—I John v: 11, 14, 15.

THU**7**

Albuquerque, N. M. (Menaul School.) Mr. J. C. Ross, superintendent.

And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, Until the day dawn, and the Day Star arise in your hearts.

FRI**8**

Albuquerque, N.M. Miss E. M. Smith, Miss S. B. Sutherland, teachers.

Full consecration! confident surrender
Of starting wish, of plan unowned by
Him;
Conscious encirclement by love too tender
With needless cloud the pilgrim path to
dim.

Full consecration! whither, Lord, Thou goest
We too would follow, listening for Thy
call;
The true, glad watchword of our hearts
Thou knowest;
All, all for Christ, and Christ our all in all.

SAT**9**

Albuquerque, N. M. Mrs. J. C. Ross, matron; Miss L. A. Hays, Miss S. J. Ross, assistant matrons.

Love suffereth long, and is kind, seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; believeth all things; hopeth all things; endureth all things—for God is love.

"If the religious beliefs of the Mexicans are spurious and heathenish it is not their fault; so were they taught from the cradle, and their conscientiousness leads them to remain faithful to such teachings until they are shown a better way. This is a praiseworthy principle of much promise. Their appalling superstition is merely the outward sign of a beautiful inward spirit—a worshipful nature. The Mexican is to be pitied and helped, but not blamed."

SUN

O, send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me.—Ps. xliii: 3.

Aqua Negra, N. M. Miss B. McE. Knipe, Miss L. A. Burton, teachers.**10**

Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee.—Job xxii: 27.

MON**Arroyo Hondo, N. M.** Miss A. A. Stringfield, teacher; Miss L. C. Galbraith, missionary.**11**

Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold I cannot speak; for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee, thou shalt speak.—Jer. i: 6, 7.

TUE**Arroyo Seco, N. M.** Mr. J. Mondragon (native), teacher.

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God.—Luke ii: 77.

Ye shall be gathered one by one.—Isa. xxvii: 12.

12**Chaperito, N. M.** (Francis Bray Mission.) Miss A. A. Blake, teacher."Set yourself earnestly to see what you were made to do, and then set yourself earnestly to do it; and the loftier your purpose is, the more sure you will be to make the world richer with every enrichment of yourself."—*Bishop Brooks*.**WED****Canon Bonito, N. M.** Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Hall, teachers.**13**

"I would be strong, O Lord!
 Strong-souled to trust Thee in the midst of foes,
 Strong-armed to strike at every wrong and sin—
 Yet gentle, Lord!
 For all injustice give me fire and sword;
 For wrong that touches me, the grace to wait;
 And for Thy poor, who stumble in the way,
 A hand all strength, a heart all tenderness."—*W. J. Long*.

THU**Chimayo, N. M.** Miss P. Clark, Miss J. L. Clark, teachers.**14**Walk worthy of God who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.—I Thess. ii: 12.
He knoweth the way that I take.—Job xxiii: 10.**FRI****Las Cruces, N. M.** Mrs. C. R. Donnelly, Miss M. Donnelly, teachers; Miss A. Wilkinson, missionary.**15**

Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? Acts ix: 6.
 Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?—Luke ii: 40.
 To lift young lives from an environment of ignorance and idleness into one of usefulness and intelligence, to place young feet fast becoming entangled in the meshes of sin, in the safe path of virtue, is work angels must rejoice over.

SAT**El Rito, N. M.** Miss A. L. Handley, teacher.**Embado, N. M.** Miss K. Kennedy, teacher.**16**

I do not dare to pray
 For winds to waft me on my way,
 But leave it to a higher Will
 To stay or speed me, trusting still

That all is well, and sure that He
 Will land me—every peril past—
 Within the sheltered haven at last,

"Holding firmly the truth, that only upon the foundation of the careful education of the youth of this country in the Word of God can a republic be maintained which shall stand unshaken the storms of political factions and the unparalleled commingling of nations so diverse as go to make up our body politic, we swerve not from our purpose."

SUN**17**

Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.—John xxi: 17.

Las Vegas, N. M. Miss A. D. McNair, Miss M. H. Kirkwood, teachers.

"God may not smooth the path alway,
Or take the stones and thorns away;
But 'iron and brass my shoes shall be,'
To tread right onward steadfastly:
So shall I walk, and never faint,
Upheld by cheerful love's constraint."—*M. K. A. S.*

MON**18**

Los Lentes, N. M. Miss A. M. Ferguson, teacher.

Pajarito, N. M. Miss K. Scott, teacher.

"A man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work, and done his best; but what he has said and done otherwise shall give him no peace."—*R. M. Emerson.*

Whosoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.—Ecc. ix: 10.

TUE**19**

Penasco, N. M. Miss S. M. Zuver, teacher.

Raton, N. M. Miss B. Menaul, teacher.

"In thine own heart, if thou unlatch the door,
The Light of Light on earth shall dwell once more;
Through thine own lips, ungraced and poor and weak,
The Love of Love unspeakable shall speak;
Through thine own hands, wearied with toil for men,
Unto His own the Christ shall come again."—*Mabel Earle.*

WED**20**

Socorro, N. M. Miss K. M. Sleight, teacher.

Salazer, N. M. Miss C. E. Fenton, teacher.

"The unwavering faith of Jesus in the permanence and world-wide diffusion and ultimate triumph of His Kingdom of truth and holiness is not the least evidence of His divinity and charm of His gospel. God wills it! is the war-cry that rouses the human will to its highest endeavor."—*Henry Van Dyke.*

THU**21**

Ranchos de Taos, N. M. Miss A. Hyson, Miss H. R. Benham, teachers.

"Do you ever feel the infinite sweetness that is contained in those dear words: 'The Divine Will?'"—*Madame Swetchine.*

"Only in proportion as our will is surrendered are we able to discern the splendor of God's will."—*Miss Havergal.*

FRI**22**

Taos, N. M. (El Prado.) Miss E. W. Craig, Miss L. Craig, teachers.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.—Lam. iii. 24.

My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.—Exod. xxxiii: 14.

SAT**23**

Taos, N. M. (Pyle Memorial.) Miss R. Rowland, teacher.

You would see Jesus? the answer is, serve Jesus; the way to see Him, is to follow Him—the way to follow Him, is to do His works.

THANKSGIVING WEEK.

For love and life and light and health and ease,
For work, success and hope, for power to please,
For conscience clear, for faith without alloy,
For common share in common human joy,
I thank Thee, gracious God!

For loneliness and shadow, sickness, care,
For failure, doubt, remorse, death and despair,
For sleepless nights, for aching heart and brain,
For common share in common human pain,
I thank Thee, gracious God!

Rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings.—I Pet. iv : 13.

SUN

24

Santa Fe, N. M. Miss M. L. Allison, superintendent.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in Jehovah forever; for in Jehovah, even Jehovah, is an everlasting rock. Isa. xxvi : 3, 4.

MON

25

Miss E. Moore, Miss L. P. Moore, teachers; Miss A. Brengle, matron.

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.—Rom. xiv : 19.

TUE

26

Mrs. L. F. Jones, sewing teacher; Miss E. Brown, cooking teacher; Miss M. B. Morrow, laundress.

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." A yoke is not an instrument of torture; it is an instrument of mercy, a gentle device to make labor light and to save pain. Christ's yoke is His secret for the alleviation of human life, His prescription for the best and happiest method of living.—Prof. H. Drummond.

WED

27

Rev. R. M. Craig, since 1897 superintendent of missions in the Synod of New Mexico.

"Special needs of our Mexican fields: *Thoroughgoing Christians*, of true character and spiritual earnestness; *Consecration of the Sabbath* to Christian work and worship; *Enlightenment of the Mexicans* (about 50,000) in Bible truth and education in efficient common schools; *Hallowing of marriage* and creating of pure home life."

THU

28

Santa Fe Presbytery.

No. of churches, 23 (American, 6, Mexican, 17); churches aided, 22 (American, 5, Mexican, 17); ministers employed, 8.

Work among the Mexicans is ever picturesque and full of interest. One unique feature in Santa Fe Presbytery is that nearly one-half the entire appropriation of the Board is paid to Mexicans for ministry in their own tongue to their countrymen in our land.

FRI

29

Rio Grande Presbytery.

No. of churches, 19; churches aided, 17; ministers employed, 11; ministers' helpers, 6.

"The great special need is more interest by the people in the work of the gospel of Christ; better observance of the Sabbath; the abatement of drunkenness, gambling and kindred vices; more conscientious devotion on the part of church members, and earnest effort to maintain the gospel."

SAT

30

Pueblo Presbytery.

No. of churches, 55; churches aided, 43; ministers employed, 30.

"In physical dimensions Pueblo Presbytery is an empire. We have missions to Indians, Mexicans, ranchers, coal miners and gold miners. Our men are strong and consecrated, and they need to be, for the obstacles to the advance of the Cross-banner are legion. Del Norte College equips Mexican evangelists."

"The Mountaineer of the South is an American pure and simple. Among the everlasting hills he has kept his blood without taint, and the traditions of his fathers unbroken. He has peculiar claims upon the Presbyterian Church. It has no field where the need is sorer, and none that gives promise of richer returns."—*Dr. Lawrence.*

SUN**1**

Arise, O Lord! O God, lift up thine hand; forget not the humble.—Ps. x: 12.

Rev. Calvin A. Duncan, D.D., Superintendent of Missions in the Synod of Tennessee.

Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good.—II Chron. xix: 11.

MON**2**

Asheville, N. C. (Normal and Collegiate.) Rev. Thomas Lawrence, D.D., president; Mrs. Thomas Lawrence, principal; Miss Sarah Birkman, assistant principal.

We then, as workers together with him . . . by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness . . . rejoice in hope of glory of God.

—II Cor. vi: 1-7; Rom. v: 2.

TUE**3**

Miss M. K. Dixon, Miss R. B. Marshall, Miss P. A. Clark, Miss M. G. Bond, Miss M. K. Marshall, teachers.

Quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

Then opened he their understanding that they might understand the Scripture.

—Luke xxiv: 45.

WED**4**

Miss H. M. Young, music teacher; Miss I. K. Hubbard, assistant music teacher; Miss C. A. Ford, teacher.

They that had gotten the victory . . . stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb.

—Rev. xv: 2, 3.

THU**5**

Miss C. Woolley, matron; Miss L. J. Mechling, assistant matron; Miss E. C. Bickerstaffe, cooking teacher; Miss E. Hubbard, sewing teacher.

"The colored sunsets and starry heavens, the beautiful mountains and the shining seas, the fragrant woods and the painted flowers, they are not half as beautiful as a soul that is serving Jesus out of love, in the wear and tear of common, unpoetic life."—*F. W. Faber.*

FRI**6**

Asheville, N. C. (Home Industrial.) Miss F. Stephenson, principal; Miss M. Johns, Miss J. E. Brown, Miss S. E. Johnstone, Miss B. Vinard, teachers.

I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.—John xv: 16.

SAT**7**

Miss I. A. Heydenburk, matron; Miss A. E. Coe, assistant matron; Miss Ruth Dean, sewing teacher.

"They who tread the path of labor, follow where my feet have trod; They who work without complaining do the holy work of God."

—*Dr. Van Dyke.*

"Two millions of such a people! Nearly 300,000 of their youth calling to us to give them the school book and the Bible. Do we listen to this cry? Shall we help them? Shall we help them *now*?"

SUN

8

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not thyself from my supplication.—Ps. lv: 1.

Asheville, N. C. (Farm School.) Rev. G. S. Baskerville, superintendent; Mr. J. H. Newman, principal teacher.

I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season: there shall be showers of blessing.—Ez. xxxiv: 26.

MON

9

Miss E. B. Williams, Miss E. Flagler, Miss E. A. Laughlin, teachers.

Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.—Col. i: 7.

TUE

10

Miss A. McArthur, matron; Miss E. M. Smock, Miss I. A. Custer, Miss E. J. Procter, Miss C. S. Le Baron, assistant matrons.

The Lord stood with me and strengthened me.—II Tim. iv: 17.

The little worries which we meet each day
May lie as stumbling blocks across our way,
Or we may make them stepping-stones to be
Of grace, O Christ, to Thee.

WED

11

Mr. J. F. Dalzell, farmer; Mr. C. Craig, carpenter; Mr. N. Williams, industrial teacher.

"No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him; there is always work, and tools to work withal, for those who will."—Lowell.

THU

12

Hot Springs, N. C. (Dorland Institute.) Miss J. E. Phillips, principal; Miss L. Pomeroy, Miss D. Pomeroy, Miss A. M. Watson, teachers; Miss C. B. Pond, music teacher.

In paths that they know not will I lead them; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight.—Isa. xlii: 16.

FRI

13

Miss A. Phillips, sewing teacher; Miss H. M. Harger, Mrs. S. L. Wallace, matrons.

"It is my duty to distrust mine own ability, that I may have reliance on Him that is stronger than all."—John Bunyan.

The Lord hath chosen thee, be strong and do it.—I Chron. xxviii: 10.

Rev. S. J. McClenaghan, missionary.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.—Matt. xxi: 9.

SAT

14

Walnut Springs, N. C. Mrs. A. H. Logan, missionary; Miss I. Griffith, Miss ———, teachers.

So tired; yet I would work
For Thee. Lord, hast Thou work
Even for me?

Small things which others, hurrying on,
In Thy blessed service, swift and strong,
Might never see,

So tired; yet I might reach
A flower to cheer and teach
Some sadder heart;
Or for parched lips perhaps might bring
One cup of water from the spring
Ere I depart.

"The Laurel country is a region in the fastnesses of the mountains which has long had a reputation for lawlessness—it is 'a very Sodom.' Sodom too asks for help. Hearts are inclined to us. Even a touch works wonders. The Laurel country has been a by-word; now God is taking it to Himself for a possession."—*Miss Goodrich.*

SUN

Allanstand, N. C. Miss F. L. Goodrich, missionary; Miss E. L. Allen, Miss E. Daniels, teachers.

15

Behold the Lord God will come with strong hand; . . . every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; . . . and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.—*Isa. xl : 10, 4, 5.*

MON

Big Laurel, N. C. Miss E. A. Newman, Miss D. Byerley, teachers; Rev. J. Marhoff, missionary.

16

Brittain's Cove, N. C. Miss E. Gorbald, missionary; Miss M. Feinster, teacher.

I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand.

—*Isa. li : 16.*

TUE

Concord, N. C. (Laura Sunderland.) Miss M. Montgomery, principal; Miss D. P. Hervey, Miss H. Goss, Miss E. Morse, teachers; Miss A. N. Bryan, matron; Miss J. Courtney, sewing teacher.

17

"As we ask Him 'to touch our lips with living fire,' so that they may speak for Him, may we not ask Him to touch our hands, so that they may minister effectively for Him?"—*Miss Havergal.*

WED

Concord, N. C. (Patterson's Mill) Miss M. G. Caskey, missionary; Miss E. Tucker, Miss M. E. McCartney, teachers.

18

Day Book, N. C. Miss E. M. Hall, missionary.

I will strengthen them in the Lord; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the Lord.—*Zech. x : 12.*

THU

Gahagan's, N. C. Miss E. M. Fish, missionary; Miss A. Harris, teacher.

19

Jupiter, N. C. Miss Ora Gates, principal; Miss M. R. Bradshaw, teacher.

If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul, . . . thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.—*Isa. lviii : 10, 11.*

FRI

Marshall, N. C. Mr. W. A. Coe, principal; Mrs. W. A. Coe, Miss D. M. Fish, teachers.

20

Paint Rock, N. C. Miss H. C. Dailey, teacher; Miss H. R. Congle, missionary.

I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go.—*Isa. lxviii : 17.*

SAT

Riceville, N. C. Miss A. Henricks, teacher; Miss F. Henricks, missionary.

21

Shelton Laurel, N. C. Miss D. J. Merchant, Mr. Grant Merchant, teachers.

Valdese (among the Waldensians). Miss M. Knox, teacher; Miss M. A. LaDue, missionary.

"The simple faith, the earnest lives and strong faces of the Waldenses refresh one, and give a deeper faith in the great purposes of God. It is not chance—but God—who has brought them to our land."

CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Oh, to have dwelt in Bethlehem,
When the star of the Lord shone bright!
To have sheltered the holy wanderers
On that blessed Christmas night;
To have kissed the tender, way-worn feet
Of the Mother undefiled,
And with reverent wonder and deep delight
To have tended the holy child!

Hush! such a glory was not for thee,
But that care may still be thine;
For are there not little ones still to aid
For the sake of the child divine?
Are there no wandering pilgrims now,
To thy heart and thy home to take?
And are there no mothers whose weary hearts
You can comfort for Mary's sake?

—Adelaide A. Proctor.

SUN**Crockettsville, Ky.** Miss M. J. Cort, missionary.**22****Hindman, Ky.** Miss I. M. Horton, missionary.

And he led them on safely, so that they feared not.—Ps. lxxviii: 53.

MON**Harlan, Ky.** Rev. W. C. Clemens, principal; Mr. E. F. Dizney, Miss D. B. Osborne, teachers; Miss D. L. Mitchell, matron.**23****Manchester, Ky.** Mrs. G. R. Shelton, Miss O. M. Read, teachers; Miss C. W. Smith, missionary.Thy prayer of faith shall reach His gracious ear!
Look up and trust, God holds thee very dear.**TUE****Hyden, Ky.** Rev. J. M. Walton, Rev. L. F. Cooper, principals; Miss E. Bradshaw, Miss D. Bradshaw, Miss M. McNeal, teachers.**24****Pikeville, Ky.** Rev. J. F. Record, principal.

That is the well whereof the Lord spake unto Moses, Gather the people together and I will give them water. And Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it.

Num. xxi: 16, 17.

**Xmas
Day**

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.

—John i: 29.

I have loved thee with an exceeding love.—Jer. xxxi: 3.

THU**Elizabethton, Tenn.** (H. McCormick Institute.) Rev. J. J. Loux, principal.**26****Erwin, Tenn.** (John Dwight School.) Miss E. J. Conard, principal; Miss L. V. Coleman, Miss E. Wilson, teachers; Mrs. N. F. Wilson, missionary.

Whatasoever ye do, work heartily (from the soul), as unto the Lord, and not unto men.

R. V. Col. iii: 23.

FRI**Sneedville, Tenn.** Mr. A. F. Penland, principal; Miss L. Penland, teacher.
Vardy, Tenn. Miss A. B. Miller, Miss S. E. McBride, missionaries.**27****Flag Pond, Tenn.** (Cory School.) Mr. F. E. Lindsley, principal; Mrs. F. E. Lindsley, Miss M. Moore, teachers.

But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

—Deut. xxx: 14.

SAT**Wilhite's Valley, Tenn.** Miss R. Hadden, teacher.**28****Grassy Cove, Tenn.** (Grassy Cove Acad.) Rev. H. S. Lyle, missionary; Miss H. B. Mann, Miss L. A. Bradshaw, Miss E. Hicks, teachers.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.—Matt. vii: 21.

"A very interesting and important part of the work in the mountains of the South is that of the Bible readers. They go from house to house, speak to the people in regard to their souls' interest, assist in times of sickness, comfort the mourning, hold neighborhood prayer-meetings, organize and superintend Sabbath-schools, and train the converts as teachers and superintendents, conduct Sabbath services, and, in fact, do the work of evangelists."

SUN

Lord thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.—Ps. xc: 1.

Acme, W. Va. Miss M. P. Spencer, Miss L. M. Adams, missionaries and Bible readers.

29

Gleaners for Christ, in your lonely toil,
When weary and fain to yield,
Take comfort here, though the work is
great,
"Ye toil in your Father's field."

And the Father's house lies over the hill,
Where the sun of life goes down;
There shall ye rest, and the Father's smile
Forever your work shall crown.

MON

Clear Creek, W. Va. Miss K. M. Doan, missionary.

Dry Creek, W. Va. Miss C. L. Bundy, missionary.

30

The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light.—Ex. xiii: 21.

TUE

Jarrold's Valley, W. Va. Miss M. B. Newcomb, Miss E. A. Jackson, missionaries.

31

Wyoma, W. Va. Miss ———, missionary.

Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?—Job xxxi: 4.

The Lord is faithful who shall establish you, and keep you from evil.—II Thess. iii: 3.

"Go back—back into the mountains! The heart is pained at the comfortless homes. The suffix "*less*" expresses much of the situation. The house is generally windowless, the yard grassless and flowerless, the home cheerless, the shelves bookless, the dress careless and shapeless, and the people ambitionless."

"There are shadows enough in those mountain coves—but there are gleams of light too—perhaps all the brighter because of the accompanying shadows. Already whole sections are transformed by Christian training. The missionary teacher is penetrating the mountain wilds. The light goes with her and flashes back into our wondering eyes."

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.—John i: 9.

"We close our year and lay it back among the years of God, not daring—not caring—to ask whether it has been good or bad, but only praying that out of it may come a sweeter prophecy and a dearer gladness and a profounder joy in the work of the years that are yet to be,—first here, and then in the complete life of the eternal Home."—*Phillips Brooks*.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

ORGANIZATION

MEMBERS.

The Board of Home Missions consists of ten ministers and eleven laymen, who are elected by the General Assembly, and who give their services without compensation. They are divided into three groups, each serving three years.

The officers are: President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendent of School Work. Of these only the President is a member of the Board; the others are executive officers, elected annually.

COMMITTEES.

The Application Committee consists of five members. Its duty is carefully to investigate the claims of fields applying for aid and to recommend to the Board the amount of grant which they deem wise to make in each case.

The School Committee consists of five members. Its duty is to act upon matters pertaining to the school department.

The Finance Committee consists of three members. To this committee, in connection with the Treasurer, is committed the business management of the Board.

The Auditing Committee consists of three members. Under its direction a public auditor each month examines and audits all the accounts of the Treasurer, and by its chairman a financial statement is presented to the Board every three months.

The House Committee consists of four members and the Treasurer of the Board. This committee, jointly with a similar committee from the Board of Foreign Missions, has in charge the properties owned jointly by these two Boards within the limits of New York City.

OBJECT

The work is threefold:

1. To assist our weak churches in the payment of their pastor's salary.
2. To send missionaries to places which otherwise would have no preaching or pastoral care.
3. To establish and carry on, through the Woman's Board, schools for the Christian education of the children among our neglected and exceptional populations—Alaskans, Indians, Mexicans, Mormons and the Mountaineers of the South.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

THE WORK

FIRST.—The Woman's Board co-operates with the Board of Home Missions, undertaking no work without its approval.

SECOND.—The duties undertaken by them are the following:

1. To raise money for the support of the **Educational Work** under the care of the Board of Home Missions, namely, teachers' salaries, school buildings and equipment, and for general Home Mission purposes. Mission day schools are established among the exceptional populations—Alaskans, Indians, Mexicans, Mormons, Mountaineers, etc.—wherever a promising opening occurs, if the state of the treasury permits. The present plan is to establish, also, near the center of each mission field, a school of higher grade than these schools, for the training of teachers and mission workers. Prominence is given in most of these higher schools to industrial training. In addition to this, Chapel school houses are built for day schools, and suitable buildings erected for boarding and industrial schools by funds raised by the Woman's Board.

2. To diffuse information regarding Home Mission work and to increase interest in the cause.

3. To provide Home Missionary boxes.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

As an adjunct to the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board, vitally connected with both of them, stands the Young People's Department, which has for its especial care the enlistment of the young people's societies in Home Mission work; the assignment of synodical objects and the gathering and disseminating of information concerning the mission fields. The secretary of this department presents impartially the work of both Boards, although the work is pushed through the channel of the women's Synodical and Presbyterian organizations, secretaries for this definite work being elected annually. Increased contributions demonstrate the wisdom of the methods in operation. (For statistics see Annual Report of the Board, pages 47, 60 and 219.)

HOME MISSION TOPICS

1901

FOR MONTHLY CONCERT AND WOMAN'S MISSIONARY MEETINGS

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- a. Motives for it.
- b. How to Study it.
- c. How to Give to it.

FEBRUARY—The Indians

- a. Indians and the Government.
- b. Responsibility of the Church.
- c. Our Work and its Results.

MARCH—The Treasury

- a. Systematic Giving.
- b. Thank Offering and Praise Meetings.

APRIL—The New Pacific: The Freedmen*

- a. Resources and Developments.
- b. Strategic Points.
- c. Our Work.

MAY—Puerto Rico

- a. Conditions of the People.
- b. The Educational Question.
- c. Our Missions.

JUNE—Alaska

- a. Prospects of the Territory.
- b. Missions on the Coast.
- c. Missions in the Interior.

JULY—Review of the Year

- a. On the Field.
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AUGUST—The Foreign Element

- a. Immigration.
- b. What Our Church is Doing.

SEPTEMBER—Forecast and Rally

- a. National Perils.
- b. Needs of Our Fields.
- c. Our Church's Opportunity.

OCTOBER—Mormonism

- a. History of Mormonism.
- b. Menace of Mormonism.
- c. How to Meet it.

NOVEMBER—Mexicans in the United States

- a. Special Needs.
- b. Educational Work.
- c. Our Churches.

DECEMBER—The Older States: Mountaineers*

- a. Self-supporting Synods.
- b. Work in the South.
- c. Unsupplied Needs.

*Special Subject for Woman's Societies.

"Behold the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee; go up and possess it, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged."—*Deuteronomy 1:21*.

Does your church have a monthly missionary concert? Does Home Missions have a prominent place in it?

For printed matter on the topics, apply to Literature Department of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Memorandum

CALENDAR FOR 1901

1901	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.	1901	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
Jan.	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	July	7	1	2	3	4	5	6
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